

**MN ERA HF 501
LETTER TESTIMONY
House State Government Finance
& Policy Committee**

3/31/25

Dear Chairs Klevorn, Nash and
committee members,

I am writing in support of the
Minnesota Equal Rights
Amendment, HF 501.

I urge this committee — and this
legislature — to empower
Minnesotans to enshrine in our
state constitution the most

inclusive possible Equal Rights Amendment.

Our country is facing some of the most significant attacks on bodily autonomy and self-determination we have ever seen.

The Minnesota ERA would offer everyone the strongest possible protections against discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sex — including pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation — no matter who's in power in state government.

This ERA has widespread support from individuals across Minnesota, and the backing of labor, health, legal, reproductive justice, LGBTQ+, and philanthropic organizations.

There are few clearer reflections of our values as Minnesotans than our state Constitution, and it is the civic right and responsibility of the people of our state to amend it as needed to ensure that it reflects our values as fully and clearly as possible.

The ERA that stands before you would do exactly this. I urge this committee to empower the people of this state to enshrine our commitment to freedom, fairness, and equal rights in our constitution – once and for all. After years of dedicated efforts to secure equal rights, it's time to trust Minnesotans and give them a say in the fight for equality.

I can't believe that we've been fighting for this amendment since I was a teenager (I am now 70). This is long overdue and it would be inexcusable to not pass it now.

I am waiting for you to do the right thing and let all people know that they have equal rights under the law.

Thank you.

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