

**Endorsing Organizations of Rep. Bush and Sen. Gillibrand’s ERA Now Resolution**

Advocates for Youth	National Center for Lesbian Rights
AFL-CIO	National Council of Jewish Women
Asian American Women’s Political Initiative	National ERA Publication Taskforce
Catholics for Choice	National Organization for Women
End Rape on Campus	PROMO Missouri
ERA Coalition	Shattering Glass
Feminist Front	SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change
Gen-Z for Change	Sierra Club
Generation Ratify	Sojourners
GLSEN	Sunrise Movement
In Our Own Voice: Black Women’s Reproductive	Supermajority
Justice Collective	TransLatin@ Coalition
Justice Revival	Voters of Tomorrow
March for Our Lives	We Testify
Muslims for Progressive Values'	Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual
NARAL Pro-Choice America	(WATER)

**Endorsing Organizations Quotes**

“Women – who make up half the U.S. population – deserve to have equal protection under our nation’s Constitution,” said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. “At a time when women continue to face discrimination on the job, a persistent wage gap, higher rates of poverty and increased barriers to healthcare, passing the ERA should be mission critical for every lawmaker in Congress. We applaud Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Representative Cori Bush for introducing this resolution and for their commitment to ensuring that our nation’s founding document finally reflects our democracy and our values,” - **Elizabeth Shuler, President of AFL-CIO**

“Enshrining the Equal Rights Amendment into our Constitution is the single most important action that the United States can take to safeguard the rights of women and LGBTQIA+ people. Despite opposition and misinformation from the U.S. Catholic bishops, the vast majority of Catholics support the precious rights protected by the ERA, including abortion rights, trans rights, and marriage equality, and believe they should be placed out of the reach of partisan politicians and capricious courts. Catholics for Choice is proud to join Rep. Bush’s call to affirm the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and urges Congress to act as soon as possible.” – **Jamie L. Manson, M.Div., President of Catholics for Choice**

“As End Rape On Campus proudly stands in support of the ERA resolution, we reaffirm our commitment to achieving gender equality and justice. The ERA is a crucial step toward an inclusive and violence-free society, and it is time to enshrine and safeguard the rights and protections of historically marginalized students and survivors – whether they are women of color, gender nonconforming, non-binary, or transgender students, in our Constitution.” - **Kenyora Parham, MSW, Executive Director of End Rape On Campus**

“2023 marks 100 years since the ERA was first introduced in Congress and it's well past time to finally have it added to the U.S. Constitution. We're grateful for the passion and dedication of Congresswoman

Bush; part of a cohort of Black women leading the way on equality for all," said **Zakiya Thomas, President and CEO of the ERA Coalition and Fund for Women's Equality**. "We applaud Congresswoman Bush for joining Congresswoman Pressley and Senator Cardin in introducing legislation calling on Congress to affirm the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment, and additionally bringing attention to the push for the U.S. Archivist to do her duty and publish the ERA"

"As young people committed to gender and racial justice, we call upon our policymakers to hear the calls of our generation and enshrine #ERANow! Gender discrimination disempowers our communities, inflicts severe trauma, teaches us that our value and dignity is tied to our bodies, and contributes to rising mental health issues in our generation. These attitudes seep into all parts of our world: our schools, workplaces, hospitals and contribute to further inequities in education, housing, healthcare outcomes, and labor. The Equal Rights Amendment has the power to finally address systemic inequalities like gendered and racialized pay disparities and the maternal mortality crisis and in turn improve the material lives of millions of women, LGBTQ people, and children in the U.S, especially for communities of color and low-income communities." - **RJ Thomsen, National Board of The Feminist Front**

"Young people understand the need to finalize the ERA to protect abortion access, defend LGBTQ+ youth, and advance racial justice. Our bodies, futures, and lives are on the line. We are grateful for Congresswoman Bush and Senator Gillibrand's resolution to put young women and queer people in the Constitution. We won't, and can't, let arbitrary rules and deadlines keep us out of the Constitution. Keep Black and brown youth out of the Constitution. Keep queer and transgender youth out of the Constitution. We are proud to stand alongside congressional leaders to demand ERA Now." — **Shalina Effendi, Director of Policy at Generation Ratify**

"Amidst more prevalent and dangerous attacks on the rights of women and queer and trans people, it is imperative that the Equal Rights Amendment, which has already been ratified by the requisite 38 states, becomes a part of our Constitution. The ERA will be foundational to ensuring that all of us are treated more equitably for generations to come." – **Anish Mohanty, Leader with Gen-Z for Change**

"As LGBTQI+ people face unimaginable attacks and hate, our leaders must take meaningful action. The Equal Rights Act cements protections for LGBTQI+ people, women, and girls from discrimination at school and beyond. GLSEN applauds U.S. Representative Cori Bush for fighting for the ERA and rising up to protect our most vulnerable from discrimination." – **Melanie Willingham-Jaggers, Executive Director of GLSEN**

"In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda is proud to support the resolution to affirm the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We applaud Rep. Cori Bush for her commitment to centering Reproductive Justice in the fight for an Equal Rights Amendment and stand in solidarity with her and countless other RJ advocates. As we continue to see unprecedented attacks on the bodily autonomy of Black women, girls, and gender expansive people, the ERA is a critical piece to ensuring our human rights are preserved." – **Regina Davis Moss, President and CEO of In Our Own Voice: Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda**

"As a Christian leader and human rights advocate, I applaud Rep. Cori Bush for this compelling and timely resolution that clarifies that the Equal Rights Amendment is *now* the 28th Amendment. It is inspiring to see Rep. Bush, a leader deeply rooted in faith, at the helm of this crucial initiative. We at Justice Revival and the #Faith4ERA campaign are proud to stand with her in calling on Congress and the White House to move beyond the mire of weak procedural objections and affirm the value of equality by advancing the ERA." - **Allyson McKinney Timm, Founder and Executive Director of Justice Revival**

“Everyone in America deserves to be protected. Our framers may not have committed that to paper, but today, we have fought, demanded, and won the right to be equal before the law—no matter who you are,” said Mikah Rector-Brooks, Press Associate at March For Our Lives. “We won't play by bigoted, centuries-old rules anymore. It's past time that we ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to protect people from gender-based discrimination. This amendment takes the necessary steps to protect all people and goes beyond the binary to protect everyone regardless of your gender. At a time of increasing attacks against women and weaponized bigotry against trans people, this is the floor. We applaud the progress toward affirming the ratification of the ERA and urge swift action.” - **Elena Perez, Senior Policy Associate of March for Our Lives**

“As an organization inspired by faith, we believe we are all created equal regardless of sex, faith or non-faith. This resolution to recognize the 28th constitutional amendment by Congresswoman Cory Bush is therefore a practical application of that spiritual equality. We hope members of Congress will set aside all politics and rise to a higher calling, to do the right thing and pass the resolution.” – **Ani Zonneveld, Founder and President of Muslims for Progressive Values**

“Enshrining gender equality in the Constitution is long overdue. NCLR commends Congresswoman Bush for taking this important step toward ensuring that our most foundational legal document reflects the simple but essential truth that equality of rights under the law should not depend on one's gender. The necessary thirty-eight states have done their part, and now it's time to finish the job.” – **Imani Rupert-Gordon, Executive Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights**

“From abortion rights to LGBTQ+ rights, our fundamental freedoms are facing unprecedented attacks from extremists and the politicians who do their bidding. It's past time to take action. The ERA is a critical step towards ensuring equality and protecting our fundamental rights, including the right to abortion and contraception, and we're thankful to Rep. Bush for her steadfast work in pushing to make it a reality.” – **Mini Timmaraju, President of NARAL Pro-Choice America**

“We are thrilled that Rep. Bush is pulling out all the stops to move the Equal Rights Amendment forward. With the 38 necessary states having ratified the ERA we believe that the Amendment is valid. What should happen now is for Congress to affirm the ERA and for the Archivist of the United States to publish the ERA as the 28th Amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment is needed now more than ever!” – **Christian F. Nunes, President of the National Organization for Women**

"In a post-Roe America, this is an especially precarious time for protecting the civil and human rights of women, LGBTQIA+ and other gender marginalized individuals. It's more critical than ever that we pass the ERA to ensure that we are all truly seen as equal under the law. Passing the ERA would move us closer to a truly equitable nation where all people are affirmed in their identities, and have the power to make decisions about their own health, pleasure, and wholeness." - **Christine Soyong Harley, President & CEO, SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change**

“It has been more than half a century since Congress first passed the Equal Rights Amendment, and yet millions of Americans are still waiting to be protected equally under the law. Our colleagues, our friends and family, and our society cannot wait one day more. The Sierra Club applauds Representatives Bush and Pressley and Senator Gillibrand for saying so with the introduction of this resolution. We call on Congress to swiftly pass this resolution and look forward to finally celebrating the addition of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.” - **Ben Jealous, Executive Director of the Sierra Club**

“I'm deeply grateful to Rep. Cori Bush for introducing this resolution calling for the ERA to be officially recognized and enforced as the 28<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As the resolution says, all

criteria for the ERA's ratification have been met and the Archivist of the United States should proceed to certify and publish it as such without delay. As Christians, we believe that all people possess inherent and equal dignity and worth. That conviction compels us to work towards the day when our nation's laws will fully reflect this value for all human beings, regardless of gender identity.” - **Rev. Adam Russell Taylor, President of Sojourners**

“We are fighting for a world where everyone has access to clean air and water, and a good life, no matter the color of their skin, the money in their pockets, or their gender identity. Equal rights are essential to a Green New Deal and we stand with Representative Bush as she fights for the Equal Rights Amendment.” - **Varshini Prakash, Sunrise Movement Executive Director**

"The introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment was an important step in women's rights when it was first written a century ago, when it passed both chambers of Congress with bipartisan support 50 years ago, and it remains a critical tool to address the urgent issues of today," **said Jara Butler, Supermajority's Chief Impact Officer.** "Women have made substantial progress over the past 100 years, but currently our rights are being rolled back at an alarming rate: This week marks one year since the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to abortion, states across the country are introducing a flurry of disturbing anti-trans legislation, and people across the country continue to face barriers such as pay and pregnancy discrimination that prevent them from living lives that are truly equal. As we work together to ensure women's freedoms are protected in the Constitution, Supermajority applauds Congresswoman Cori Bush for bringing the ERA one step closer to passage."

“The Equal Rights Amendment is essential to fighting back against anti-Trans, Gender Nonconforming and Intersex rhetoric, discrimination, and violence. That is why Congressmember Cori Bush is paving the way for LGBTQIA+ rights in the United States and I am grateful for her efforts. We live in a time where Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex communities are under attack and the ERA will support the elimination of the violence that we experience. The time to take action against the hateful efforts to erase our community is now!” - **Bamby Salcedo, President/CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition**

“Voters of Tomorrow is committed to ensuring equal rights for all people and the Equal Rights Amendment does just that by enshrining it in the United States Constitution. It is long past due that discrimination on the basis of gender and sex is illegal in our country. Gen Z is dedicated to ending the violence and discrimination against all people and is proud to stand in support of the members of Congress fighting to protect all people regardless of their sex or gender expression.” - **Kaitlyn Smith, Advocacy Director of Voters of Tomorrow**

“The ability to decide if, when, and how to grow our families is one of the most critical freedoms a person can have. Yet, that right is not equally accessible or available to all. With the national right to abortion a relic of history, this is the moment we need to continue the unfinished work of generations before us to make the Equal Rights Amendment a reality. We need the Equal Rights Amendment to ensure that all of us, no matter our gender identity, have the protections to live free from gender-based violence, discrimination, and inequity. The Equal Rights Amendment will be a huge leap in making sure Black, Brown, Indigenous women and genderqueer people have protections to live free and in pursuit of reproductive justice.” – **Renee Brace Sherman, Founder and Co-Executive Director of We Testify**

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven...” A hundred years after its introduction, the time for the Equal Rights Amendment is well and truly upon us even if long overdue. Let's get it done and move on.” – **Mary Hunt, Co-Director of Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual**