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## Voting

### **U.S. Supreme Court to consider case that could radically reshape the country's elections**

[U.S. Supreme Court to consider case that could radically reshape the country's elections - Ohio Capital Journal](#)

### **Ohio Republican legislative leaders appeal congressional map to U.S. Supreme Court**

[Ohio Republican legislative leaders appeal congressional map to U.S. Supreme Court - Ohio Capital Journal](#)

### **Your Guide to Voting in the 2022 Midterms**

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/06/2022-midterms-how-to-vote/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=21f2455f-8546-ed11-b495-002248258d38&emdi=88c845fa-0947-ed11-b495-002248258d38&ceid=447432](https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/06/2022-midterms-how-to-vote/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=21f2455f-8546-ed11-b495-002248258d38&emdi=88c845fa-0947-ed11-b495-002248258d38&ceid=447432)  
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-doing-voting-rights-093709860.html>

### **Election 2022: Ohio House, Senate and Congress districts have changed. What district are you in?**

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/10/04/what-to-know-about-ohios-new-voting-districts-ahead-of-election-day/69525044007/>

### **November 8 election: How Ohio Issue 1 could change how judges set bail**

<https://www.nbc4i.com/news/your-local-election-hq/nov-8-election-how-ohio-issue-1-could-change-how-judges-set-bail/>

### **Issue 2: Ohio voters to decide whether to bar local governments from allowing non-citizens to vote in their elections**

<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/10/issue-2-ohio-voters-to-decide-whether-to-bar-local-governments-from-allowing-non-citizens-to-vote-in-their-elections.html>

# Equal Rights Amendment

## THE ALICE PAUL EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform Preamble:* The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution

## ARTICLES

### Abortion and Equal Rights Are Top Drivers of Young Women's Vote in Battleground States

[Abortion and Equal Rights Are Top Drivers of Young Women's Vote in Battleground States - Ms. Magazine \(msmagazine.com\)](https://www.msmagazine.com/abortion-and-equal-rights-are-top-drivers-of-young-women-s-vote-in-battleground-states)

### Supreme Court Declines To Take Case Aimed At Overturning 100-Year-Old Racist Precedents

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/supreme-court-declines-case-aimed-162803173.html>

## Victim Rights

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on VICTIM RIGHTS:* Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for all individuals who are victims of violent acts including domestic and/or sexual violence; and human trafficking; promote violence prevention programs; support services and facilities for survivors of this violence and the funding thereof; and support legislation, which provides compensatory and punitive damage awards to victims.

### News video regarding efforts to get the Strangulation Bill passed by the end of the year.

<https://www.wtol.com/video/news/local/ohio-working-to-pass-a-strangulation-law/512-541719e4-35f4-4369-b9f7-07cb1d510602>

## Reproductive Choice

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the Supreme Court ruled that the constitution does not provide a right to abortion. The ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization allows states to regulate abortion and state legislatures can pass laws that restrict abortion before viability. On the same day, a federal judge lifted an injunction on Ohio's heart beat bill which was signed into law in 2019.

In short, Ohio has banned abortions at approximately six weeks gestation. If any cardiac activity is detected, abortion is prohibited except when there is serious risk of death or substantial impairment of a major bodily function. The bill makes no exceptions for rape or incest.

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform on Health:* Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for full access to all health care services including reproductive choice, funding for research into the protection for women's health care and educational programs concerning women's health issues

## Articles

### Ohio judge approves permanent block on state's 'heartbeat' abortion ban

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ohio-judge-approves-permanent-block-210921853.html>

### Ohio legislators pledge anti-abortion measures at March for Life

[Ohio legislators pledge anti-abortion measures at March for Life - Ohio Capital Journal](https://www.ohiojournal.com/ohio-legislators-pledge-anti-abortion-measures-at-march-for-life)

## Majority of Ohioans would support enshrining abortion rights in the Ohio Constitution, new poll says

<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2022/10/majority-of-ohioans-would-support-enshrining-abortion-rights-in-the-ohio-constitution-new-poll-says.html>

## Letters: Mike DeWine's 'treats' are 'tricks' to get votes. Abortion laws are anti-religious

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/letters-mike-dewines-treats-tricks-100812736.html>

## DeWine can't compensate for ripping away women's bodily freedom with handouts

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2022/10/11/dewine-cant-compensate-for-ripping-away-womens-bodily-freedom-with-handouts/>

## 'This is a tiny amount of time': Will Ohio ban abortion at conception this year?

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ohio-ban-abortion-conception-020509767.html>

## Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost appeals judge's injunction against abortion ban

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/abortion-in-ohio/ohio-attorney-general-dave-yost-appeals-judges-injunction-against-abortion-ban>

## 3 Ohio justice candidates accused of breaking ethics, told PAC abortion isn't Constitutional right

<https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2022/10/11/3-ohio-judicial-candidates-accused-of-breaking-ethics-code-told-pac-abortion-isnt-constitutional-right/>

## History 101 for Christian nationalists: Founders wanted religion kept out of government

[History 101 for Christian nationalists: Founders wanted religion kept out of government \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/history-101-for-christian-nationalists-founders-wanted-religion-kept-out-of-government-100812736.html)

## The Anti-Abortion Movement's Attempt to Criminalize Abortion Speech

[https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/12/anti-abortion-censorship-first-amendment/?omhide=true&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=everyaction&emci=033fefdc-044c-ed11-819c-002248258e08&emdi=11adcb48-894c-ed11-819c-002248258e08&ceid=447432](https://msmagazine.com/2022/10/12/anti-abortion-censorship-first-amendment/?omhide=true&utm_medium=email&utm_source=everyaction&emci=033fefdc-044c-ed11-819c-002248258e08&emdi=11adcb48-894c-ed11-819c-002248258e08&ceid=447432)

## Theory vs. reality: The *Dobbs* ruling, abortion bans and women's health

[Theory vs. reality: The \*Dobbs\* ruling, abortion bans and women's health \(azmirror.com\)](https://www.azmirror.com/news/theory-vs-reality-the-dobbs-ruling-abortion-bans-and-womens-health)

## 'Am I a Felon?' The Fall of Roe v. Wade Has Permanently Changed the Doctor-Patient Relationship

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/am-felon-fall-roe-v-110027537.html>

## These doctors have seen plenty of unplanned pregnancies in people who were 40 or older. Here's what they want you to know about pregnancy in perimenopause.

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/doctors-seen-plenty-unplanned-pregnancies-203844365.html>

## Visualized: The World's Population at 8 Billion

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/visualized-the-worlds-population-at-8-billion/>

## Jill Biden Uses Story of Friend's Abortion to Criticize 'Extremist Republicans'

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/jill-biden-uses-story-friend-133739666.html>

## Barnard College will offer abortion pills for students next year

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/barnard-college-offer-abortion-pills-150206551.html>

## **An Abortion Ban With Unexpected Consequences for Older Women**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-ban-unexpected-consequences-older-175606680.html>

## **America is facing a diaper crisis, and the anti-abortion movement is making it worse**

<https://www.yahoo.com/finance/news/america-is-facing-a-diaper-crisis-and-the-anti-abortion-movement-is-making-it-worse-180828680.html>

## **Appeals court ruling allows Arizona abortions to restart**

**Proposition 1 would allow third-trimester abortions. Vote no on this reckless measure**

[Proposition 1 would allow third-trimester abortions. Vote no on this reckless measure \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/prop-1-would-allow-third-trimester-abortion-214740991.html)

## **Large crowds gather in Downtown Orlando to march for abortion rights**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/large-crowds-gather-downtown-orlando-001950647.html>

## **Child Incest Victim Denied Abortion In Florida, Forced To Travel Out Of State**

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/incest-florida-abortion-ban\\_n\\_6348d8b4e4b08e0e6081abf8](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/incest-florida-abortion-ban_n_6348d8b4e4b08e0e6081abf8)

## **A Young Victim Of Incest Was Denied An Abortion In Florida And Forced To Travel For Care, Planned Parenthood Said**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/least-two-young-victims-incest-234623479.html>

## **'Vote them all out': Idaho Abortion Rights holds Women's March rally at Capitol in Boise**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/vote-them-idaho-abortion-rights-214740991.html>

## **Judge gauges if Indiana abortion ban defies religious rights**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/judge-gauges-indiana-abortion-ban-162647239.html>

## **GOP Senate Nominee: Abortion Decisions 'Belong' to GOP 'Gentlemen' State Reps**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/gop-senate-nominee-abortion-decisions-093008182.html>

## **Abortion rights supporters gather at Capitol as part of 'Women's Wave'**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-rights-supporters-gather-capitol-013021964.html>

## **Missouri Woman Denied Emergency Abortion Called a State Senator for Help. He Sent Her to an Anti-Abortion Clinic.**

[Missouri Woman Denied Emergency Abortion Called a State Senator for Help. He Sent Her to an Anti-Abortion Clinic. \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/missouri-woman-denied-emergency-abortion-called-a-state-senator-for-help-he-sent-her-to-an-anti-abortion-clinic-162647239.html)

## **NH House panel scraps bill to give men say in abortion**

[NH House panel scraps bill to give men say in abortion \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.yahoo.com/news/nh-house-panel-scraps-bill-to-give-men-say-in-abortion-162647239.html)

## **Oklahoma AG's office unleashes searing argument against doctors in abortion case**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/oklahoma-ags-office-unleashes-searing-140052961.html>

## **Abortion providers focus on telehealth, medication access as they await outcome of Pa. governor's race**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/abortion-providers-focus-telehealth-medication-143628296.html>

# Writing Advocacy Postcards

**1 A Professional Beginning:** Using a proper salutation can really help you set a polite and informative tone.

- Use "Dear Representative Brown" or Dear Senator Brown

"I am writing about HR 8, the **Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021**, currently before the Senate. I encourage you to approve this legislation as written on the grounds that ...."

**2 Informative Yet Not Too Wordy:** Identify yourself as a constituent. Focus on key points, make your requests clear, and cite the bill number (HR 8).

- Explain the potential impact on women -- and you if relevant. Use "I" statements and reference specific examples.
- **Write about one issue** and explain how you want the recipient to address your concerns.

## Example:

"I am a constituent writing about HR 8, the XYZ Act, currently before the Senate. This legislation will ensure that women will receive complete medical information regarding options and access to reproductive healthcare. Please vote for HR 8!"

## FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

If you do not know who your representatives are. You can look them up.

Find your Ohio House member and contact information here: <https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map>

Find your Ohio Senate member and contact information here: <https://www.ohiosenate/senators/district-map>

Find you US Representative and contact information here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>

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## SAMPLE MESSAGES

### Equal Rights Amendment

**SJR 1** Removes an arbitrary time limit on the passage of the ERA.

*Dear Senator Brown*

*Thank you for co-sponsoring SJR1. Please champion the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment and urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring it to the floor for a vote. It's time that equality of rights under the law not be denied on account of sex. Make the ERA the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution!*

*Dear Senator Portman*

*Please co-sponsor SJR1 and actively work for the passage of the ERA as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. Everyone should have equality of rights under the law that cannot be denied or abridged on account of sex. This adds to the legacy you leave in the Senate.*

**HR 891**, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the "Equal Rights Amendment" to the Constitution is valid. Ohio Co-sponsors: Marcy Kaptor, Shotel Brown, Joyce Beatty, Tim Ryan

*Dear Representative xxxxxxx*

*Please co-sponsor and actively work to pass HR891 that acknowledges the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution. The arbitrary time limit was on the Preamble and is not binding. The Equal Rights Amendment has met all the requirements of passage. The impact of this amendment will ensure equality of rights under the law cannot be denied or abridged on account of sex.*

## Reproductive Choice

Write to your Ohio Representative and Senator to express your concern about these bills and that you do not want them to vote for any bill that decides when life begins, controls access to all reproductive healthcare options with no restrictions or criminalizes patients or doctors for taking advantage of any healthcare options recommended by their doctors for their situation.

Note: These bills are in committee

HB 704 - The Personhood Act

HB 598 Enact Human Protection Act

SB 123 Enact Human Protection Act

SB 352 - Designate June 24 as "Life Day"

HB 480 - Authorize private right of action for abortion or aiding abortion

Dear Representative XXXX

*Doctors and health providers not legislators or neighbors should be providing accurate and full information and access to all reproductive healthcare options that meet the needs of their patients. This includes telemedicine, contraception, pre-natal care, hormone therapy, fertility treatments, and if/when medically needed abortion care. Vote no on HB704, HB598, HB480 or any other legislation that does not rely on science and doctor's recommendations for the care of their patients.*

Dear Senator XXXX

*Doctors and health providers not legislators or neighbors should be providing accurate and full information and access to all reproductive healthcare options. Vote no on SB123, SB352 or any other legislation that does not rely on science and the best care for their patient's individual situation.*

### **H.R. 8373 the Right to Contraception Act**

**SJR.4557 — Right to Contraception Act** Co-Sponsored by [Sen. Brown, Sherrod \[D-OH\]\\*](#)

This bill sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information

Dear Senator Brown

*Thank you for co-sponsoring SJR4557. Please champion the passage of the Right to Contraception Act and urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring it to the floor for a vote. We need assurance that access to contraception and accurate information will always be provided by healthcare providers.*

Dear Senator Portman

*Please co-sponsor SJR4557 and work for its passage. We need assurance that access to contraception and accurate information will always be provided by healthcare providers.*

## Victim Rights

These 2 bills are in committee. Our objective is to write to all the committee members and ask that they take it the bill to the floor for a vote. See addresses for all committee members in handout on the bills.

### **Senate Bill 90-**

Prohibit impeding breathing or circulation of family members. (eg. Strangulation). Domestic violence committed in violation of the new prohibition generally is a third degree felony

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

*SB90 is in the Judiciary Committee you serve on. I am writing to request that you encourage the committee to bring this legislation to the Senate floor for a vote. Strangulation has been shown to cause death days after the attack when complications for swelling occurs. This kind of violent act needs to be included in domestic violence and be a felony. Please work with the Senate to pass SB90 and give domestic violence survivors the justice they deserve!*

### **House Bill 121**

Eliminate sex crime spousal exceptions; permit spousal testimony. The exceptions to the sex offenses that currently apply are rape, sexual battery, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, gross sexual imposition and sexual imposition. Ohio is one of 12 remaining states that haven't amended the marital or spousal rape exemption law.

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

*HB121 is the Criminal Justice Committee that you serve on. I am writing to request that you encourage the committee to bring this legislation to the House floor for a vote. 76% of the states have amended the marital and spousal rape exception law. Ohio is not one of them. It is time that married women have the same rights and protection as single women regarding rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, and sexual imposition. Please work with house members to pass HB121 and give married women legal recourse and establish new norms and behaviors for married men.*

### **3 Electronic Messages You Can Send**

- 1. Sign the petition to Leader Schumer: Schedule a vote on the Equal Rights Amendment**  
[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-leader-schumer-schedule-a-vote-on-the-equal-rights-amendment?source=2022ERAVote\\_ERAC&referrer=group-era-](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-leader-schumer-schedule-a-vote-on-the-equal-rights-amendment?source=2022ERAVote_ERAC&referrer=group-era-)
- 2. Send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics to Senator Brown** Thank him for being a co-sponsor and ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote. Go to: [www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922](http://www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922)
- 3. Send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics to Senator Portman** and ask him to co-sponsor and vote for removing the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. And, ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote. Go to: [www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922](http://www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922)

# Senate Bill 90-

Prohibit impeding breathing or circulation of family members

**SUMMARY** ♣ Expands the offense of “domestic violence” to also prohibit knowingly impeding the normal breathing or blood circulation of a family or household member by applying pressure to the throat or neck, or by blocking the nose or mouth, of the family or household member and provides special penalties for violations of the prohibition.

♣ Specifies that in a prosecution of “domestic violence” in violation of the above prohibition, it is not required to allege or prove that the family or household member suffered physical harm, serious physical harm, or visible injury. ♣ Creates as an affirmative defense to a charge of “domestic violence” by violating the above prohibition that the act was done to the family or household member as part of a medical or other procedure undertaken for the victim’s benefit.

**Penalties** Domestic violence committed in violation of the new prohibition generally is a third degree felony and, when it is a third degree felony, the court must do one of the following: (1) except as described in clause (2), the court must impose a mandatory prison term of 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, or 36 months, or (2) if the victim is a pregnant woman and the offender, in committing the violation, caused serious physical harm to the “pregnant woman’s unborn” or caused the “termination of the pregnant woman’s pregnancy” (both defined as in existing law, unchanged by the bill), the court must impose a mandatory prison term of 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, or 36 months.4 But if the offender previously was convicted of domestic violence or of two or more “offenses of violence” (defined as in existing law, unchanged by the bill), a violation of the new prohibition is a second degree felony, and the court must impose a mandatory prison term that is one of the minimum terms prescribed for a second degree felony – those prescribed minimum terms are 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 years.

**Definition of “family or household member”** The existing definition of “family or household member” used in the law regarding the offense of domestic violence, which applies to the bill’s new prohibition, specifies that “family or household member” means:7 (1) any of the following who is residing or has resided with the offender: (a) a spouse, a person living as a spouse, or a former spouse of the offender, (b) a parent, a foster parent, or a child of the offender, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to the offender, or (c) a parent or a child of a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the offender, or another person related by consanguinity or affinity to a spouse, person living as a spouse, or former spouse of the offender, or (2) the natural parent of any child of whom the offender is the other natural parent or is the putative other natural parent. As used in that definition, “person living as a spouse” means a person who is living or has lived with the offender in a common law marital relationship, who otherwise is cohabiting with the offender, or who otherwise has cohabited with the offender within five years prior to the date of the alleged commission of the act in question.

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# House Bill 121

Eliminate sex crime spousal exceptions; permit spousal testimony

Ohio is one of 12 remaining states that haven't amended the marital or spousal rape exemption law.

HB 121 focuses on two things: eliminating exceptions to certain sex offenses that currently apply if the victim is the spouse of the offender and expanding the proceedings in which a person may testify against the person's spouse to include prosecutions for any of the sex offenses modified by the bill.

The exceptions to the sex offenses that currently apply are rape, sexual battery, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, gross sexual imposition and sexual imposition.

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## Reproductive Choice

BPW/OH's *Legislation Platform on Health*: Actively work to strengthen and enforce legal protection for full access to all health care services including reproductive choice, funding for research into the protection for women's health care and educational programs concerning women's health issues

## Legislation being proposed in Ohio

### HB 598 Enact Human Protection Act

referred to Government Oversight Committee 3/22/22

[House Bill 598 - Status](#) | [The Ohio Legislature](#)

### companion SB 123 Enact Human Protection Act

Referred to Health Committee 3/10/21

[Senate Bill 123 - Status](#) | [The Ohio Legislature](#)

Both will without exception, charge doctors with felonies for terminating a pregnancy, no matter the reason.

**HB 480/** Referred to Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee 11/9/21

Sponsor: Jena Powell (80) and Thomas Hall (53)

To would create a financial incentive for individuals to turn in friends, family and neighbors if they know they performed or even helped someone obtain an abortion or used certain forms of birth control like an IUD and Plan B that prevent the implantation of a fertilized egg.

[House Bill 480 - Status](#) | [The Ohio Legislature](#)

**HB 704 - The Personhood Act.** Introduced 7/11/22 Representative Click

[House Bill 704](#) | [The Ohio Legislature](#)

To recognize the personhood of an unborn human individual from conception.

Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Hall, Jordan, Manchester, Powell, Riedel, Stoltzfus

[House Bill 704 Status](#) | [134th General Assembly](#) | [Ohio House of Representatives](#)

**SB 352 - Designate June 24 as "Life Day"** Introduced 7/6/22 Senator Huffman, S.

To commemorate the United States Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

Cosponsors: Senators Antani, Blessing, Brenner, Cirino, Gavarone, Hoagland, Hottinger, Johnson, Lang, McColley, O'Brien, Roegner, Romanchuk, Schaffer

[Senate Bill 352 - Status](#) | [The Ohio Legislature](#)

### What you can do:

Write to your Representative and Senator to express your concern about these bills and that you do not want them to vote for any bill that decides when life begins, controls access to all reproductive healthcare options with no restrictions or criminalizes patients or doctors for taking advantage of any healthcare options recommended by their doctors for their situation.

## Legislation being proposed in Washington

**H.R. 8373 the Right to Contraception Act** Sponsored by Rep. Kathy Manning (D-N.C.),

[H.R.8373 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): Right to Contraception Act](#) | [Congress.gov](#) | [Library of Congress](#)

This bill sets out statutory protections for an individual's right to access and a health care provider's right to provide contraception and related information. *Contraception* refers to an action taken to prevent pregnancy, including the use of contraceptives (i.e., a device or medication used to prevent pregnancy), fertility-awareness based methods, and sterilization procedures.

Passed on Thursday by a vote of 228 to 195. Just eight Republicans—Reps. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.), Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio), John Katko (N.Y.), Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), Nancy Mace (S.C.), Maria Salazar (Fla.) and Fred Upton (Mich.)—joined all House Democrats in support of the bill.

**S.4557 — Right to Contraception Act** Sponsored by: [Sen. Markey, Edward J. \[D-MA\]](#) (Introduced 07/19/2022) Co-Sponsored by [Sen. Brown, Sherrod \[D-OH\]](#)\*

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### What you can do:

1. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor of S.4557.
2. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor S 4557 and vote for the right to contraception.

# Equal Rights Amendment

## THE ALICE PAUL EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

*BPW/OH's Legislation Platform Preamble:* The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution

## Legislation proposed in Washington

**Senate Joint Resolution is 1** Removes arbitrary time limit on the passage of the ERA.

### What you can do:

- 4. Sign the petition to Leader Schumer: Schedule a vote on the Equal Rights Amendment**  
[https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-leader-schumer-schedule-a-vote-on-the-equal-rights-amendment?source=2022ERAVote\\_ERAC&referrer=group-era-](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/sign-the-petition-to-leader-schumer-schedule-a-vote-on-the-equal-rights-amendment?source=2022ERAVote_ERAC&referrer=group-era-)
- 5. Contact Senator Brown and thank him for being a co-sponsor and ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote.** Send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: [www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922](http://www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922)
- 6. Contact Senator Portman and ask him to co-sponsor and vote for removing the deadline for the ratification of the ERA. And, ask him to urge Majority Leader Schumer to bring S.J. Res 1 to the floor for a vote..** Send a message using NFBPWC's One Click Politics. Go to: [www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922](http://www.nfbpwc.org/event-4488922)
- 7. Tell others about the ERA, give them the link to Elect Equality and encourage them to make the ERA a focus for the mid-term elections. The Elect Equality Campaign provides voters with the opportunity to hear directly from candidates on their position on the ERA.** Go to: <https://www.eracoalition.org/electequality>

**House Resolution 891**, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the article of amendment (commonly known as the "Equal Rights Amendment") to the Constitution is valid. It has 182 co-sponsors including 154 original ones. [See Co-Sponsors.](#)

### What you can do:

1. Use this letter to thank your member of Congress if they're already signed on in support or ask your [Representative to Sign-on](#),

## Tell the White House: the Archivist must publish the ERA -- Please share with your networks

1. [Please Sign Petition](#) - Tell the White House that the Archivist must publish the ERA
2. [Send a message directly to the White House](#) that the Archivist must publish the ERA