



**Students for Life Action Key Vote Alert:  
Vote NO on H.J.Res. 17, Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment.**

March 16, 2021

Members of the United States House of Representatives:

On behalf of our 1,250 active groups and thousands of trained student activists across the nation, **Students for Life Action urges you to vote no on H.J.Res. 17, Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. This vote will be included in our scorecard for the 117th Congress.** The House is scheduled to vote on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) this week. Though pleasant-sounding, the ERA could create a foothold for abortion in the Constitution. Abortion activists have pledged to use the ERA, now more commonly known as the “Everything Related to Abortion Act,” to force radical abortion policy on America.

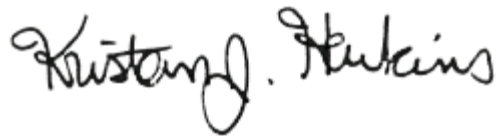
Our team at Students for Life Action has four additional reasons why removing the deadline for the ratification of the ERA threatens the interests of all Americans, particularly those who it claims to protect.

1. The ERA missed two Congressional deadlines when supporters could not get enough states to ratify in time. This was recently affirmed in federal court.
2. Although the ERA promises to establish new rights and protections for women, it does the opposite. Hundreds of laws established for women would no longer be allowed as the ERA states that a person’s sex could not be considered in making a legal preference.
3. The ERA inserts chaos into the Constitution. Cultural activists want to use the ERA to put “sex” into the U.S. Constitution and then define it with the Equality Act. This could make women vulnerable by allowing biological males into places where women do not feel safe, like domestic violence shelters. Additionally, removing the idea that women are distinctive could end women’s sports.
4. The 14th Amendment already protects women in the Constitution, which was confirmed by Supreme Court case *Reed v. Reed*.

[Click here to read our coalition letter released this morning](#) signed by leaders such as Jeannie Mancini of March for Life and Penny of Nance of Concerned Women for America expressing and expanding on these same concerns. Sadly, the ERA will harm women's interests, which should concern everyone trying to ensure that women are respected and protected under the law.

We are the Pro-Life Generation, so we **ask that you vote NO on H.J. Res. 17, Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment**. Your vote will be part of our scorecard that will be shared with our activists in all 50 states and the pro-life community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristan Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristan Hawkins  
President, Students for Life Action