THE HONORABLE MADELEINE DEAN UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dean,

I urge you to endorse and vote for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) that is House Joint Resolution 38 (H.J. Res. 38) with lead sponsor Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA). The ERA Resolution is proposing an amendment to the U. S. Constitution relative to equal rights for women and men. This Resolution requires the House of Representatives to take action necessary to verify the ratification of the original 1972 ERA as part of the Constitution when the legislature of one more state ratifies the Amendment. This brings the total to the required 38 states to fully ratify, thus removing the arbitrary deadline that prevents the ERA from becoming part of the Constitution.

It is long overdue to have an ERA in the Constitution to prevent the loss of our rights and to guarantee women and men equal status under the law which more than 88 % of Americans support. Thank you for joining with us and the majority of the people in our country for justice and equality for all which is the American ideal.

Thank you for your support. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,