

**MN ERA HF 501**  
**LETTER TESTIMONY**  
**House State Government Finance & Policy Committee**  
April 2, 2025

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

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

I believe we should empower Minnesotans to modify our state constitution with the most inclusive possible Equal Rights Amendment.

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.

Our state Constitution reflects our values. 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.

Thank you.

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