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## URGENT ACTION ALERT: Vote NO on the Equal Rights Amendment

TO: CDA State and Territorial Court Regents, Legislative Chairs and members  
FROM: Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair, Catholic Daughters  
DATE: February 7, 2020

**Action Requested:** Contact your member of the United States House of Representatives immediately to urge him or her to vote NO on the Equal Rights Amendment, House Joint Resolution 79, which will come to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives February 12 or 13. The Equal Rights Amendment would entrench abortion rights in the United States Constitution, invalidating hundreds of state and federal laws that regulate abortion and protect unborn children. Either call or email your member of the US House with the message below:

**Message for U.S. Representatives:** Please vote NO on the H.J. Resolution 79. This resolution would insert the Equal Rights Amendment into the U.S. Constitution and would have far-reaching consequences for women, military service, domestic violence shelters, abortion regulations, schools, universities, and employment. Women need and deserve protections.

### Background:

To amend the U.S. Constitution, 38 states must pass a proposed amendment within seven years. In light of three states' recent actions to pass the Equal Rights Amendment 41 years after the deadline, Democratic leadership has decided to nullify the seven-year requirement and bring a resolution (H.J. Resolution 79) to the floor February 12 or 13 that would resurrect the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment. If the federal courts allow it, the resolution would insert the Equal Rights Amendment into the U.S. Constitution.

**The Associated Press reported in the New York Times on January 21, 2020, "Abortion-rights supporters are eager to nullify the [ERA ratification] deadline and get the amendment ratified so it could be used to overturn state laws restricting abortion."**

According to National Right to Life, "Pro-life legal experts fear, and pro-abortion leaders proclaim, that the ERA would entrench 'abortion rights' in the constitutional text forever, and would result in the invalidation of hundreds of state laws protecting unborn children or regulating abortion -- based on the legal argument that these laws affect men and women differently, and therefore violate the ERA.

**"The congressional Democratic leaders insist that H.J. Res. 79 does not require the President's signature, and that it can become law with simple majority votes in each house of Congress!"**

**Reminder:** Make contact as an individual citizen using your name and address – not as a member of Catholic Daughters.

**Approved:** Olga Sameniego, National Regent

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