

## Oppose the Erosion of Rights Amendment! (S.F. 37)

The wrongly titled "Equal Rights Amendment" will not bring equality for all. Instead, it threatens the safety of women, harms religious liberty, and forces compliance with a false reality of humanity.

Proponents argue that this Amendment will stop discrimination in all its forms. We share that goal because each person, regardless of biological sex or asserted gender identity, is made in the image and likeness of God.

**However,** the current amendment language goes beyond attempting to protect "sex" as a class and includes "gender identity or expression." This would undo years of hard-fought women's rights victories. If passed by the Legislature, this dangerous language would be sent to Minnesota voters during a general election.

### **Potential Consequences:**



Insufficient protections against religious discrimination and the free exercise of religion



Decline of women's sports and the end of sexseparated shelters and prison facilities for women



Imposition of gender ideology in school curricula and attacks on free speech related to pronoun usage



Erosion of conscience rights for medical professionals and more taxpayer-funded "genderaffirming care"

### Equal Protection Under Law *Already Exists*

For decades, laws were developed to ensure equal treatment of females and males by prohibiting discrimination based on sex, recognizing the equal dignity of males and females while respecting biological differences.

Why do we need the ERA if we already have strong anti-discrimination laws?

Answer: We don't.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the Erosion of Rights Amendment.

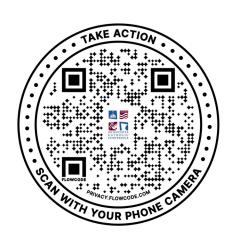


# Support Women's Rights and Religious Liberty

To stop this legislation in its tracks, your legislator needs to hear from you!

Contact your State House Representative: www.MNCatholic.org/action\_21473

ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATOR AS WELL!



### Minnesota Constitutional Amendment Process

- The legislature introduces an act proposing a change in the constitution.
- The act must be approved by a majority vote in both the Senate and the House.
- Once the proposed amendment is passed, it is placed on a general election ballot.
- It does not require the governor's signature or veto like a normal bill.
- Amendments are ratified if approved by a majority of those who vote in the election.

#### **ERA Bill Status**

- S.F. 37/H.F. 173 was introduced and heard during the 2023 session in both the House and the Senate.
- S.F. 37 passed the Senate during the final week of the 2023 legislative session and was sent to the House.
- The House has not yet voted on S.F. 37, which means there is still time to stop it. This is where YOU come in!
- If we stop this legislation in the House in 2024, it will not be placed on the ballot. Instead, it would have to be re-introduced and pass both bodies again in 2025, if proponents still want to pass it.



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