

## **URGENT MEMO: 5/3/22**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We urge you to contact the President and Vice President immediately demanding they publish the ERA and save Roe v. Wade.

Activists:

Last night, a <u>draft Supreme Court decision</u>, overturning Roe v. Wade <u>was leaked</u>.

Since November, we have had countless meetings and correspondence with White House Counsel and U.S. Senators regarding the publication of the Equal Rights Amendment ("ERA") and how it can save Roe v. Wade and equality for all. They all have known for months.

Yet the Biden/Harris Administration refuses to publish (falsely and misleadingly claiming that Congress has to take action) and continues to actively fight against the ERA in Court. And the Senate has done nothing to demand the President publish the ERA.

The very same Biden/Harris Administration that campaigned hard on its support for women and the LGBTQ+ community, and they responded by campaigning and voting for them and donating in droves. "The Biden Agenda for Women" specifically acknowledged that Equal Rights Amendment has been ratified.

We communicated with the Biden/Harris Administration yesterday morning, after speaking to them last Thursday, and understand that publication is being discussed. We reached out again last night after the draft decision was made public.

Time for the Biden/Harris Administration to live up to its oath "to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." The failure to do so is an abuse of power negatively impacting 167 million women and girls - and the polar opposite of what they promised!

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We must put pressure on the White House to get this over the finish line! It is the only chance we have of saving reproductive rights. The ERA is currently and already the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Its publication – a simple ministerial act – is the only



thing that could put an end to the baseless attacks against women, bodily autonomy and the LGBTQ+ community!

#### TO HELP, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES RIGHT NOW AND:

- ✓ EMAIL PRESIDENT BIDEN sample email below
- ✓ EMAIL VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS sample email below
- ✓ POST COPY SAMPLE EMAILS INTO COMMENTS ON THE FACEBOOK BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION PAGES
- ✓ SHARE THIS MEMO WITH FRIENDS

**TO EMAIL PRESIDENT BIDEN** – please email President Biden <u>here</u>. Below is a sample letter to copy and paste or you can create your own. Please email every day until we get a response.

#### Sample Email Letter to President Biden

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Yet here we are today. The 28th Amendment took effect on January 27, 2022, and you have not directed publication and your Administration continues to fight against the ERA in Court.

As discussed with your administration, the ERA can save Roe v. Wade. Given the draft Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning *Roe* appears a foregone conclusion. You must publish the ERA immediately to give the parties in *Dobbs* the opportunity to seek leave to make arguments that the ERA and the heightened scrutiny that comes along with it must be applied.



As is clear from the draft decision, the Court only cares about the actual words in the Constitution. You must publish the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment before the Court renders its decision.

Our fragile democracy is in peril. Women and the LGBTQ+ community are under attack across our country. Rolling back decades of advances.

We demand that you live up to your oath "to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution" and direct the Archivist to publish the 28th Amendment immediately. You have an obligation to publish, and the failure to do so is contrary to your campaign promises and your continued press releases pledging unfailing support for women and the LGBTQ+ community!

<u>TO EMAIL VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS</u> – please email Vice President Harris <u>here</u>. Below is a sample letter to copy and paste or you can create your own. Please email every day until we get a response.

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# SUGGESTED FACEBOOK POSTS DIRECTED TO THE BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Copy the text of the letters to the President and Vice President and post in the comments under their Facebook posts. You can also paste in comments on Jill Biden's Facebook posts. Or, just post something short and sweet. Here are their pages:

President Biden: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/POTUS">https://www.facebook.com/POTUS</a>

Vice President Harris: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/VicePresident">https://www.facebook.com/VicePresident</a>

First Lady Jill Biden: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FLOTUS">https://www.facebook.com/FLOTUS</a>