

Phone Script

"Hello. I'm a constituent of (Senator or Representative's Name). I support an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to guarantee gender equality, and I would like to know if my representative does too? (wait for answer, explain further if questioned, explain why you support it)

Will _____ vote in favor of a constitutional amendment for gender equality to be on the ballot in 2020? (if yes: **Can we list him/her as a supporter?**)

Thank you." (be prepared to give your name and address for them to know that you actually are a constituent)

Example letter:

Dear Senator/Representative _____,

Are you aware that equality between men and women isn't explicitly stated in our state or federal Constitutions? I wasn't. Like more than 75% of Americans, I thought women and men were already guaranteed equality in the Constitution.

But both women and men are still discriminated against based on sex: white women still get paid only 80 cents on the dollar and men are still discriminated against in child custody cases. If we value equality, shouldn't it be enshrined with our other governing principles in the Minnesota Constitution?

Like 94% of Americans, I think that women and men SHOULD be equal in our constitution and that's why I am urging you to support an Equal Rights Amendment in the Minnesota Constitution.

I support the ERA because (*Fill in your own personal reason or use the example here*) I believe that by passing the ERA, Minnesotans can show that we value equality between men and women. I want to raise my children in a state that actively shows they care that men and women are treated equally.

Will you stand up for equality and support the ERA being put on the ballot in 2020 for the people of Minnesota to decide?

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

Address