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Sen. Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sen. Dole:

As a woman in the communications field and one who has become vitally interested in the field of women's rights, I would like to register my objections to the Senate's treatment of the women's rights bill.

After years of being completely ignored, the bill was finally introduced in the House this year and passed by an overwhelming vote, only to be pushed aside and treated with what I consider to be nothing short of contempt by certain members of the Senate.

Perhaps the enclosed clipping from a recent issue of the Capital-Journal's Midway Magazine of a story I did will further explain my thoughts on this subject.

I think it is time that certain Senators came out of the Dark Ages and recognized the fact that women are human too, and have as much right to equal protection of the law as do Negroes, Indians and Mexican-Americans.

I think many Senators should remember that women are a voting majority in this nation and the killing of the women's rights bill by ignoring it, by not having the courage to vote on it, and it alone, doesn't sit too well with many of us.

And as a Congressman who supposedly is very close to the White House, I'd like you to know that the lack of interest on the part of President Nixon in women's rights and his failure to appoint women to top jobs in his administration is also a subject of deep concern to many women today.

Sincerely,

Kathie Donnelly
Kathie Donnelly
Secretary
Kansas Press Women

November 20, 1970

Memo from —

PEG VINES

to Senator Bob Dole of Kansas:

I urge you to support Rep. Griffiths' resolution, H.J. Res. 264, without amendment.

As the working mother of seven children and also the major support of this family, I feel this legislation is long overdue. It's only a start—but it's in the right direction. I am promoting this Equal Rights movement in every way that I can in my business and in my home--trying to change attitudes which is not easy. As my lawmaker, you have a wonderful opportunity to put substance behind our appeals.s

Please don't let this session go by without going on the line in support of this legislation. I don't need chairs pulled out for me at dinner tables nearly so much as I need a fair shake for the good jobs for me, and the five of my children who are girls.

Miss
Peg Vines
835 Spaulding, Wichita, Ks.

December 9, 1970

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rights*

Mrs. Peg Vines
835 Spaulding
Wichita, Kansas 67203

Dear Mrs. Vines:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter urging my support of H. J. Res. 264, the Equal Rights Amendment.

This amendment was considered on the Senate Floor, but the measure was never brought to a vote, and nothing will be done during this session of Congress. It is expected, however, that this will be re-introduced in the next session. I supported this measure, as I realize the need for equality in job opportunity and, particularly, equal pay for equal work.

Thanks for sharing ;your views with me, and if I may be of assistance in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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Dear Senator Dole:

In response to a request from Senator Birch Bayh, many vitally interested organizations have reviewed his substitute amendment #1062. We have almost unanimously agreed that this is unacceptable.

With the crowded short session which will convene Monday, November 16th, we feel the time is not right, nor the climate favorable for proper consideration of the Equal Rights Amendment and it is our hope that it (H. J. Res. 264) together with the substitute will be dropped for this session.

If the proper procedure to accomplish this is the removal of your name as a sponsor of the substitute #1062, we hope that you will do so.

Respectfully,

Gladys O'Donnell
Gladys O'Donnell (Mrs. J. Lloyd)
President, NFRW

GO/oj

November 3, 1970

Leg. equal rights

Mr. and Mrs. David Whipple
504 Louisiana
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Whipple:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 28, expressing your support for S. J. Res. 61, the proposed Amendment to the Constitution which would provide Equal Rights for Women.

As you perhaps know, H. J. Res. 264, a similar proposal, passed the House of Representatives and was debated for a short while on the Senate Floor prior to the election recess. S. J. Res. 61, of which I am a co-sponsor, is now pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Senate is scheduled to resume debate on the equal rights amendment sometime after the recess, although it is impossible at this time to predict what the final outcome of the proposal will be due to the various amendments that have been added to the amendment and the heavy schedule for the Senate for November and December.

In any event, I appreciate knowing your views on this amendment, and you may be assured they will be kept in mind as the Senate resumes consideration of H. J. Res. 264.

Thank you again for writing, and if I may be of assistance to you in any way, please contact me.

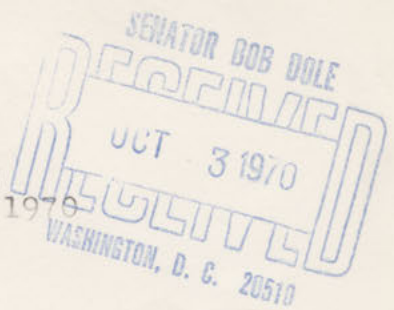
Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
U. S. Senate

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Senator Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Leoti, Kansas
29 September 1970



Dear Senator Dole,

This is to add my voice to those who stand for equality for women. My thinking is that:

1. Women are entitled to equal pay for equal work.
2. Women should not be disqualified from jobs because of sex.
3. Women should have adequate care provided for children during hours spent on the job.
4. Baby-sitter fees should be exempt from tax if related to jobs.

Sincerely yours,

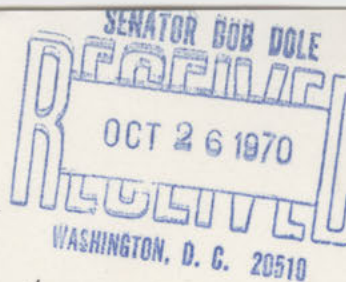
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10700 Lockridge Drive
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25 October 1970

Senator Birch Bayh
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh

As you know, the Women's Equity Action League has been particularly active in supporting the Equal Rights Amendment. Last May I testified before your Subcommittee concerning the effect that the Equal Rights Amendment would have on discriminatory practices in education. Other WEAL members also testified on behalf of the E.R.A., and our members have been working hard to build support for it.

The proposed substitute raises many questions and problems, and some of our concerns are as follows:

1. The proposed substitute does not paraphrase the entire 14th Amendment. Thus it implies that the remainder of the 14th -- the due process clause, and the privileges and immunities clause -- does not apply to women.
2. It is our view that the equal protection clause has not been used to extend the rights of an individual woman but it has been applied to restrict the conditions upon women on the theory of "reasonable classification". Legal interpretations have not been on the basis that the 14th Amendment does not apply to women but on the basis of sex as a "reasonable classification" which does not violate the 14th Amendment. It is this "reasonable classification" -- under 14th Amendment interpretation -- which has 'protected' women from employment of their choice, kept them off juries, kept them out of some tax-supported schools, etc.
3. The proposed substitute would enhance the notion of "reasonable classification" as exemplified in your speech introducing it where you refer to "recognizing the need for a flexible standard in cases where different treatment under the law may be justified." Thus, already in the legislative history is the principal of "reasonable classification" embodied and espoused. It is the unreasonableness of this "reasonable classification" and the subsequent inequities, that have led to the drive for the Equal Rights Amendment. To allow for such "different treatment" is no advance for our cause whatsoever.
4. Should such a substitute amendment be passed by the Congress, it would be seen as a verification of Congressional acknowledgment that the 14th Amendment does not apply to women. From the time of such passage until such time as ratification was secured, all cases currently underway under the 14th Amendment would be jeopardized in a way in which they currently are not, because of the implication that the 14th would not in any way apply to women.

If it took the full seven years for ratification, ^{during that time,} it would be very difficult to successfully argue in Court that the 14th did indeed apply to women. At worst, if the substitute were passed by the Congress but not ratified, this would freeze into being that the 14th does not apply to women at all.

In short, the substitute is not a substitute for the Equal Rights Amendment at all. It would not give us the constitutional base with which to move forward in abolishing discriminatory differential treatment based on sex, and indeed might even be harmful and retrogressive in its effects.

It is therefore with much regret that I inform you that we cannot in any way support this substitute. We have long been grateful for your help and your support in the area of women's rights. But we would ask you now, to seriously consider officially withdrawing this Amendment. We know it will be difficult for you to do this. We also know that the continuing struggle to get passage of the Equal Rights Amendment will be a difficult one. We need your support on this.

With best wishes,

Bernice Sandler

(Dr.) Bernice Sandler, Chairman,
Action Committee for Federal Contract
Compliance in Education,
Women's Equity Action League (WEAL)

cc: All Senators sponsoring
the Equal Rights Amendment

Representatives Chisholm, Dwyer, Green, Griffiths, Heckler, May,
Mink, Hansen, Reid, and Sullivan

R F D # 2
Great Bend,
Kansas 67530

August 14, 1970

The Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.



Dear Senator Dole:

I was talking with a friend the other day about the current bill on "Equal Rights for Women", and we feel that this bill is unreasonable.

My friend and I are both 19, and have been brought up with the understanding that a woman was created as a companion for man, and not as a different shape or size made to represent the same.

If women would stop and think, we feel they would realize they would not want to dig ditches, collect garbage or even be drafted. If women receive their "equal rights", a few may come up with black eyes and crushed feelings because some man got mad and "let her have it"! With "equal rights", what does she expect?

I have heard women complain about the low wages for women. Most of these have been women who should be home with their children instead of working anyway. Very seldom have I heard complaints from women who have to work for a living because their husbands are sick or have passed away.

We may only be 19, but we are women; women who believe men should be our superiors.

We would appreciate your reply and views on this subject, and if you are in full or part agreement with us, please tell us what we can do to make other women realize they do not want to be "equal to a man".

Very truly yours,

Kay Engleman

Independence, Kans.
Aug. 18, 1970

Dear Senator Dale,

Please vote against women having
equal rights as men. It is not
Biblical!! I Peter 3 says: Likewise, ye
wives, be in subjection to your own husbands.

Titus 2: 4 + 5 has "That they may teach the
young women to be sober, to love their husbands,
to love their children, to be discreet, chaste,
keepers of home, good, obedient to their
own husbands -"

I Timothy 2: 12 - But I suffer not a
woman to teach, nor to usurp authority
over the men, but to be in silence.

Ayes, I'm a woman and I have
worked out in the past, but I don't
want the responsibility of making the
living. My place is to take care of the
home.

I still appreciate you and your
good help for the Republican party.

Mrs. Harold Hinthorn



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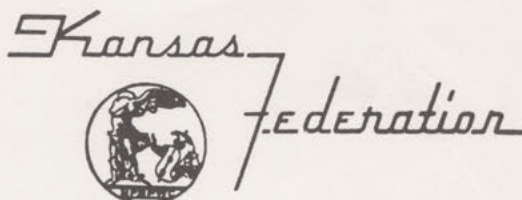
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Senator Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Dole:

The Equal Rights Amendment is the number one item on the Legislative Platform of our National Federation and shares an equal spot on our State Platform. I am writing to thank you for your support in sponsoring the amendment for I know that we have had your cooperation while you were in the House of Representatives. We earnestly solicit your continued support for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

We are having a State Legislative Conference in Topeka at the Ramada Inn on February 24, 1969, and our State President, Roberta Sharp of Abilene, and I are wishing that you might chance to be in Topeka on that day and have lunch with us at noon. We know you are very busy, but just didn't want to miss an opportunity to have you with us if it is at all possible. I'm enclosing a copy of our schedule for our conference for your information.

I used to be on your mailing list, but haven't received any of your mailings for quite some time. Would appreciate being added to your list again if you are still sending them out.

Sincerely

Elsie M. Burgat (Mrs. Ted)
State Legislation Chairman