

Concerned Women for America



"Protecting the rights of the family"

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Dear Candidate:

I am writing to ask for your <u>careful consideration</u> of issues of major importance facing our nation. I have enclosed a Questionnaire for you, the results of which will be distributed to our membership of over 120,000, other related organizations, and the news media.

I, along with the members of Concerned Women for America, am concerned that the past very visible efforts of pro-ERA groups may have led you to believe that support for this proposed amendment, and <u>other intervention by our government into family affairs</u>, is simply a matter of course.

I assure you that it is not.

Many, many women across the nation, have voiced their concern that they are against the ERA and other forms of government intervention into our families. In the past they have not been heard above the din created by activists who make a career of shouting slogans and making speeches before television cameras.

We are not professionals at political action; however, we are quickly learning the ground rules. Anyone who questions our solidarity or our resolve to fight need look no further than our recent growth. In just 14 months, women have thronged together to form Concerned Women for America into a coalition of over 120,000 members and their families, making CWA the largest women's organization in America. And CWA is averaging over 11,000 new members each month.

CWA is a new organization, but we have strong ties with the majority of women who are very quickly becoming politically active out of concern for the future of their families.

This October, we will be publishing the results of CWA's "Candidate Questionnaire" and distributing it to our members and the media (including your local news media).

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I ask you to complete the Questionnaire enclosed and return it within 10 days so we can meet our publication schedule. I have

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provided a postage paid reply envelope for your convenience.

Respectfully,

Beverly LaHaye, Founder Concerned Women for America

P.S. You may be asking yourself why so many women have become so concerned in the past year over something as simple as the Equal Rights Amendment.

At first glance, a person is in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment (any fair minded individual is for equal rights). But once they learn of the potential effects of the ERA on their own individual lives--women especially reject it. They recognize the loss of their own freedom to choose.

There are numerous reasons why people are rejecting ERA. However, there are three very prominent reasons why most people no longer support ERA:

First - people are unwilling to pay for more Big Government. They are tired of our bludgeoning bureaucracy. They won't pay any more taxes and they don't want to pay for it through inflation either. People are becoming more and more concerned about the additional bureaucracy ERA would create.

Second - the majority of married women don't want anything to do with the equal financial responsibility ERA would require in regard to their family's support (Yale Law Journal, Volume 80, Number 5, April 1971, p. 944, 945), (Picht V. Henry, 252 Iowa 559, 107 N.W. 2d 441 (1961). ERA fails to recognize the time, the love, and the support that so many women give as homemakers.

Third - the draft is the biggest Achilles' heel of the ERA. Take any poll of women. They just don't want to be drafted. This past year's talk from the President about registering for the draft has women concerned. They are learning fast that the only way to keep from facing the draft is to see to it that ERA remains defeated.

Another growing concern of our membership, is our government's seeming obsession to intervene into our family life as demonstrated by the numerous "White House Conferences on Families" held across our nation.

<u>P.P.S.</u> Please return the Questionnaire immediately as this is the only notification you will receive. Unreturned Questionnaires will be reported to our membership and the news media as "<u>Refused to</u> Answer".

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name:Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas)	
Mailing Address: Dirksen Senate Office Building	
City: Washington, D. C. State: 20510 Zip: 2	0510
Telephone Number:(202) 224-6521	
Occupation: U.S. Senator	
Position Sought:Reelection to the U. S. Senate	
Legislative District: <u>State of Kansas</u>	
	VEC NO
 Do you favor more government programs to "assist families (i.e. domestic violence appropriations, government funded child care centers)?" 	YES NO
2. Do you favor a tax reduction for parents who choose to send their children to private schools?	1
3. Do you favor the public funding of abortions when the life of the mother is not in danger?	/
4. Do you believe that a woman has the right to terminate her pregnancy for any reason?	/
5. Would you aggressively work for the passage of a Right-to-Life Amendment to the Constitution?	Depends on nature of amendment
6. Do you agree that an unmarried girl under the age of eighteen should be allowed to receive an abortion without parental consent?	1
7. Should parental consent be required before a child can receive sex education instruction in a public school?	
8. Do you favor the amendment to the Constitution known as the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)? (but voted against extension of ratification deadline)	_/
9. Do you consider the extension of time for ratification of the ERA by a simple majority of Congress unconstitutional?	/
10. Would you consider carrying (introducing) legislation or resolutions rescinding previous passage of the Equal Rights Amendment?	/
11. If asked, would you oppose the Equal Rights Amendment by taking a leadership role?	/
12. Would you favor a law or ordinance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of one's sexual preference (i.e. homosexuality)?	X
13. In cases of child abuse or domestic violence, do you favor federal government involvement?	/
14. Do you favor government commissions to deal with family matters?	/
15. Do you believe local communities should have the right to establish obscenity standards without First Amendment interference by federal courts?	_/
The above responses to this questionnaire reflect my views in representing my constitu SIGNED DATE 9/26/8	

The results of this questionnaire will be sent to our membership and released to the news media. Unanswered questions will be published as "Refused to Respond."

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