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Wisconsin Equal Rights Amendment Introduced
We all deserve equal rights and equal protection in Wisconsin

MADISON – Today, Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) joined Senators LaTonya Johnson and Jon Erpenbach and Representatives Sara Rodriguez, Jodi Emerson, Lisa Subeck, Tip McGuire, and Lee Snodgrass to announce the introduction of an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Wisconsin Constitution.

This amendment would enshrine equal rights in the Wisconsin Constitution, banning discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, race, color, sexual orientation, disability, religion, national origin, marital status, family status, age, ancestry, or any other immutable characteristic in the Badger State. Representative Greta Neubauer released the following statement in support:

“I’m proud to stand with my legislative colleagues, equal rights advocates, and people across our state as we push to ensure equal treatment under the law for every Wisconsinite,” Neubauer said. “Today is International Women’s Day, a day to challenge gender bias and uplift the voices of women throughout our state. The Wisconsin Equal Rights Amendment does just that, but also so much more — it recognizes that the need to protect equal rights and equal protection under the law includes not just sex or gender, but a constellation of immutable traits that can make up a person’s identity. The ERA is for all of us, and I am proud to sign on as a co-author today.”

The federal Equal Rights Amendment passed through the U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 12, 1971, and through the U.S. Senate on March 22, 1972. Wisconsin acted as one of the first states to ratify the federal Equal Rights Amendment, doing so on April 26, 1972. However, while many states also moved to establish an Equal Rights Amendment in their state constitutions as well, Wisconsin still does not include a state Equal Rights Amendment in our constitution.

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