

GREATER DETROIT DISTRICT
of the
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

This memorandum is offered by the 81 Michigan churches in the Greater Detroit District (GDD) of the United Methodist Church. It is both an expression of support for enactment of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution and a call for the necessary administrative action required of your administration to conclude the ratification process and publish the ERA as a ratified and enacted amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The GDD is in full support of the intent of the ERA which is to offer equality of rights under the law regardless of an individual's sex. The ERA is consistent with the social principals of the United Methodist Church that sets out all forms of discrimination as contrary to the teachings of Christ.

The ERA passed the congress in 1972 and required the ratification of 38 states. In January 2020 Virginia become the 38th state to ratify the ERA. The ratified constitutional amendment was then referred to the National Archives and Records Administration for review and publication as the final steps in the ratification process. Unfortunately, The ERA has lingered in the hands of the National Archives for the past 4 years with no action taken by the Archivist to complete the ratification process and enact the ERA as law.

The GDD is requesting your direct intervention to instruct the National Archivist to immediately review and to publish the ERA which are the only enabling steps necessary to establish the ERA as ratified and the law of the land.

You have been a career long champion for the pursuit of justice and civil rights for all people and enactment of the ERA belongs in your legacy. Please bring the ERA's 50 year ratification journey to an end by having it confirmed to its rightful place within the U.S. Constitution.

God Bless You!

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