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Q: The Republican Women's Caucus of the National Women's Political Caucus urged the Republican National Committee to hold their 1976 Convention in a state which had ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. Since Missouri has not ratified the ERA, how do you view the selection of Kansas City as the site of the 1976 Republican Convention?

A: As you know Kansas City was the choice of the Site Committee and the unanimous choice of the Republican National Committee. By going to Kansas City we have the opportunity to applaud the State of Kansas and push the State of Missouri. My support of the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment has been made abundantly clear on many occasions.

Q: The Equal Rights Amendment has had a difficult time getting through the Illinois Legislature. Mrs. Ford has actively campaigned here in Illinois for the ERA. Before the fall session of the Legislature, do you plan to contact local Republican Senators urging them to ratify the ERA?

A: I voted for the ERA when I was a Member of Congress. I believe the Amendment should be ratified and hope it is before the end of our Bicentennial year. Both the Republican and Democratic Party Platforms of 1972 called for ratification so I do not see this as a partisan issue.

Betty has also expressed her views on the subject. I am sure she will continue her firm support.