



# STOP Equal Rights Amendment

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Dear Ms. Lindh:

Thank you for your letter of November 26.

By avoiding the question I asked, you are admitting that the Equal Rights Amendment will, in fact, abridge the personal liberties of an 18-year old girl which presently exist under the Selective Service Act.

Does President Ford likewise favor this abridgement of the personal liberties of 18-year old girls? If so, what is his reason for urging this abridgement?

I am intrigued by your statement that "Congress continues to have the authority to legislate on matters pertaining to the Selective Service System." You mean, of course, that Congress continues to have this authority so long as ERA is not ratified. Do you know that, if ERA is ratified, Congress will lose its authority to exempt all women from the obligation to register for the draft?

Does President Ford know this? And does he favor this?

Thanking you in advance for your reply,

Sincerely,

