

Motherhood is a divine privilege that must be protected because our existence depends on women! Women are the bearers of life. They have a womb and are biologically designed to nourish and nurture new life, giving birth to the world.

The founders of the women's movement wanted to be admired and respected for their womanhood and their equal brain matter. They did not say that to be equal to men, women must reject their femininity. They never envisioned a world where the right to vote, would be displaced with the slavery of abortion, and worse, sugar coated to look like freedom, autonomy, and equality – packaged and sold as “women's reproductive healthcare.”

No! Women are being sold down the river, just like the slaves before them. To be a woman doesn't mean that every woman should become a mother; nor every man become a father. Gender defines biologically who we are and who we are not. [Authentic gender equality](#) should respect and protect what makes women different. But this isn't happening.

Today, gender equality is being defined as being one in the same, when biologically, we know this is not true. The age of gender fluidity is exploiting women. Last year, three high school track stars from Connecticut (biologically female) sued because two transgender students, identifying as girls, but with male anatomy, deprived the girls of honors and opportunities for scholarships. Most recently, a 22-year old Pennsylvania transgender swimmer took America's top trophy in university sports dashing the hopes of every other woman in the competition. Those who dare speak up against this are verbally assaulted.

What has gotten confused in the women's movement is a false and unrealistic belief that a woman can do everything a man does. That very notion, diminishes women worldwide. Sex selection, also known as gendercide, is happening. It is estimated that roughly [200 million baby girls](#) have been intentionally aborted – why?... because they are girls.

Gendercide affects the sex ratio in society. A surplus of men causes violent social consequences. When there aren't enough women to go around, women become an underclass. This puts them at risk of being stolen or sold into prostitution or marriage.

We see the risks to biological women, when men choosing

to identify as women gain access to women's bathrooms, locker rooms, and female dormitories. Today, authentic women cannot win

for being true women. Yet – under the guise of protecting women, comes ERA ratification, and the rush to get ERA written into the constitution.

The late Phyllis Schlafly (1924-2016), housewife, mother of six, lawyer, and activist, may be best known for exposing [ERA ratification](#) for what it really is, and brought it down. ERA ratification was initially thought to be a symbolic bipartisan piece of legislation that would sail on through. However, Phyllis Schlafly exposed it for what it really is. Her actions turned ERA ratification into a lightning rod – ERA wasn't ratified.

Phyllis Schlafly exposed the problems, took action, and engaged a grass-roots movement made up of inexperienced and unlikely activists: “Housewives”, [as she explained](#), who “didn't even know where their state capitol was”. She founded [STOP ERA](#), an acronym for Stop Taking Our Privileges, exposing the unintended consequences ratification posed: The stripping of gender roles, alimony, child custody, sexual assault protection, single sex restrooms; leading to taxpayer funded abortions and the forced military draft of women. If the ERA is written into the US Constitution, it will [wipe out laws](#) already in place, that protect women's unique needs.

ERA ratification doesn't do what it is supposed to do: Protect Women for who they are, and what their gender is designed to do – nurture, protect, and give the world new life. The women's movement and ERA have both been hijacked.

Maine – of all states, should place high value on women and motherhood. The healthy viability of our state will depend on human reproduction. Maine is the oldest state in the country, with a median age of 45. We are one



of only four states that has more deaths per year than births. And we abort more than 5 unborn babies every day. We cannot afford to abort our future generation. This impacts our society, economy and the sustainable health of our future. It's time to honor, promote, and support motherhood.

Maine should take the lead from Phyllis Schlafly. It's time to get to know our lawmakers, and let them know how important human reproduction is. Taxpayer funds should be directed toward protecting the unborn and pregnant women; supporting families and motherhood. This is what "women's reproductive healthcare and family planning" really is.

Mainer's need to stop falling prey to the "opposite game" – abortion is NOT "family planning and reproductive healthcare", and ERA is not "Equal Rights for Women" – they are the exact opposite, and they are killing Maine.

Among the arguments Pro-ERA advocates use to shame people into supporting ERA ratification is the argument of pay and job opportunity inequity.

Of all the states in the country, Maine has one of the smallest wage gaps. Maine law requires pay equity, and if an employee in Maine questions a pay equity situation to

the Maine Department of Labor, by law, the Department of Labor will do an investigation. Also – in 2019 a law was passed banning employers from asking about wages in job interviews.

When addressing the wage gap, it is important to consider the professions women choose, the number of hours they work, and the jobs that families choose to ensure that they have the right balance in their lives to care for children and earn for the household. Women often choose less demanding jobs. It is a choice that families make and it has nothing to do with employers or laws.

Women are thriving in Maine! In terms of total job opportunity in Maine, the share of jobs is split evenly between male and female. The rate of women who choose to be in the workforce is growing. When it comes to managerial and professional occupations, 43% of these jobs are held by women. 30.1% of Maine businesses are owned by women. There isn't inequity in opportunity and pay for women in Maine.

ERA diminishes and devalues the role of motherhood. Maine, of all states, should be encouraging motherhood!

