

Testimony on Proposal 4

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I wholeheartedly support amending the VT Constitution to protect equal rights for all Vermonters. Requiring equal treatment for all, and specifically listing sex, race, sexual orientation, gender expression, is essential today because so many other states, the federal Supreme Court and the current version of the national GOP are all going in the opposite direction.

I'm so pleased the Vermont Senate has unanimously approved this and ask the members of the House to do the same.

I can't wait to vote for this myself when citizens of Vermont get a chance to vote for this amendment to our constitution.

I remember very well when Vermont voted to ratify the federal ERA but enough other (red) states refused, so we don't have a national ERA.

This will be our statewide ERA but it goes even further to include other groups beyond women.

I'm so proud to be a Vermonter!