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February 24, 1976

Ms. Vivian Watts, President League of Women Voters, Fairfax Area 246 East Maple Avenue, Rm. 203 Vienna, Virginia 22180

Dear Ms. Watts:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters regarding the Clean Air Act Amendments bill. I appreciate having your views.

The House Commerce Committee is currently considering legislation that would amend the Clean Air Act of 1970. Included in the bill are provisions that would set auto emission control standards and one that would prevent "significant deterioration" of air quality in clean areas of the country. The Committee expects to complete consideration of the legislation in the near future.

I believe that we have a responsibility to ourselves and future generations to protect the environment. All forms of pollution must be checked and a strong effort must be made to restore our environment to good health. I am keenly interested in all amendments to the Clean Air Act and am following the progress of the legislation.

Again, thank you for contacting me and please continue to keep in touch on matters of concern.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Fisher

Member of Congress

JLF/afg

Voted against Dillon admondment for Waxman

FRANK R. WOLF 10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

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League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area 1064 Carper Street McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Friends:

Thank you for contacting me to express your views about the Equal Rights Amendment. I appreciated receiving your thoughts during consideration of this issue in the House.

As you may know, the legislation for this proposed constitutional amendment, H.J.Res. 1, was brought up on November 15 under a suspension of the rules procedure. was concerned about this procedure which did not allow for appropriate debate on an extremely important matter.

The Equal Rights Amendment is not a new issue. Since it was first approved by Congress in 1972 and sent to the states for ratification, it has raised many new questions which intensified the need for proper and thorough debate on reconsideration by Congress. Some of those questions involve the potential for expansive interpretation by the courts, the question of taxpayer supported abortions, and the drafting of women into the armed forces among others.

In light of the fact that in 10 years the states did not ratify the amendment, I believed that many of these concerns which were shared by the states and proponents of the Equal Rights Amendment should have been addressed during reconsideration of this measure in the Congress. As you know, the procedure for the recent vote on the ERA was extremely controversial. It did not allow for the offering and consideration of any amendments. The suspension of the rules proceeding permitted only 40 minutes of debate which I believed to be totally inadequate.

No matter what the opinions are on the merits of this proposed amendment, I believe an amendment to the United States Constitution should not be considered under

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limitations and restrictions which bypass a responsible legislative process. That is the wrong way to conduct public business. The House Judiciary Committee, for example, debated H.J.Res. 1 for five hours before approving it.

Again, I want to thank you for sharing your views and I want you to know that although I have concerns about the Equal Rights Amendment as currently worded, I unequivocally support equal rights for all and oppose discrimination against women in any form. I am committed to working through Congress, state legislatures and the courts to end discrimination. I believe that laws which discriminate against women must be amended or repealed.

Although we may disagree on the Equal Rights Amendment issue, I know there are many other issues on which we would agree and I hope you will continue to let me know your views on matters of concern and importance to you.

Sincerely

Frank R. Wolf Member of Congress

FRW/rp



STAN PARRIS 8TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

June 22, 1981

Leslie Byrne 6442 Queen Anne Terrace Falls Church, VA 22044

Dear Leslie:

Congratulations and best wishes to you as you begin your term as President of the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters. I look forward to working with you.

Please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you, Leslie, or to the League.

Sincerely,

Stan Parris

Member of Congress

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FRANK R. WOLF
TENTH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

June 26, 1981

Dear Ms. Byrne:

I have just been informed that you are to be the new President of the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters commencing July 1st.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations and warm welcome. I look forward to working with you, and hope you will let me know if I can ever be of assistance.

With kind regards,

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Sincerely

Frank R. Wolf Member of Congress

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