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Dear Ms Lee:

I am concerned about equal rights. I grew up watching my mother's activism around schools, her union, nuclear concerns and the equal rights amendment making last week's ratification by Virginia (the 38th state) particularly gratifying. The continuing relevance of an ERA nearly a century after it's introduction is clear from the misogyny and attacks on transgender soldiers coming from the President along with the Democratic debate in which the electibility of women featured prominently. After so long the new 28th amendment faces legal complexity but HJR 38 would remove the original deadline and clear up many of the issues. A fight remains with the Office of Legal Council already having issued a hostile finding through Assistant Secretary Engel with the reported backing of his boss General Barr not to mention his boss.

Thank you for cosponsoring HJR 38.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our historic leadership in women's rights.

Sincerely, Eric Babson