

(CHILD SUPPORT)

The Honorable Marigene Valiquette  
State Senator  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

-or-

The Honorable Irma Karmol  
State Representative  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

-or- your Representative

Dear Senator Valiquette:

-or-

Dear Representative Karmol:

-or- your Representative

Divorce courts usually award child custody to the woman but it is estimated that 47 percent of the divorced mothers receive no alimony or child support payments. It is for this reason that I, as a woman, think that we need stronger laws for the collection of both child support and the location of parents who default such payments.

\*Child care is a major expense for single working mothers.

\*Stricter collection of alimony and child support moneys are needed for the benefit of the children as well as for preventing women from becoming public charges

\*Since many women in the work force are earning marked lower incomes than men, children lack proper health care, dental care, nutrition, proper clothing and adequate school books, due to inadequate or default in payments.

\*According to Nagel and Weitzman in "Women as Litigants" (Hastings Law Journal, 1971) within one year after the divorce decree, only 38 % of the fathers were in full compliance with the support order, 20% had only partially complied, and in some cases partial compliance only constituted of one payment.

\*What is the feasibility of establishing a system for stricter enforcement utilizing present state employees so as not to add an additional burden to the taxpayer?

(10/10/77)

The Honorable Vernal G. Riffe, Speaker  
State Representative  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Riffe:

As a member of the Toledo Business and Professional Women's Club, I am opposed to House Joint Resolution 10, the proposed rescission of the Equal Rights Amendment. Ratification of the ERA is essential to serve as a constitutional basis to require change. The Equal Rights Amendment is needed to insure equal rights under the law for men and women and would secure the right of all persons to equal treatment under the laws and official practices without differentiation based on sex.

During the past century, women have been largely unsuccessful in seeking judicial relief from sex discrimination in cases challenging the constitutionality of discriminatory laws under the provisions of the fourteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The equal rights amendment is necessary to guarantee such laws that grant equality in the areas of credit, criminal justice, inheritance, education, and occupational choice.

I hope that you share the same viewpoint and will be monitoring your position on this very important issue.

\*See pages 3, 11, and 12 of the booklet on the ERA for additional info.

(ERA)

The Honorable (your Representative)  
State Representative  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative. . . . :

\*Implementation of ERA provisions

\*equal pay for equal work

\*career advancement without sex discrimination

\*better share of property, equal property inheritance rights

\*etc!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(STATUS OFFENDERS)

The Honorable (Your Representative)  
State Representative  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative . . . . . :

It has been brought to my attention that frequently the treatment of female status offenders is not the same as that of males. I am opposed to such unequal treatment.

\*Studies indicate that female status offenders receive harsher treatment than males, serve longer sentences and suffer worse detention conditions than males.

\*Status offenders are juveniles who are arrested and jailed for offenses that would not be considered crimes if committed by adults. These offenses include running away from home, truancy, and sexual promiscuity.

\*There should be equal detention conditions

\*There should be equal educational and vocational training opportunities

\*There should be the same opportunity for good meals and the availability of multiple servings

\*The IWY recommends that status offenders be removed from the criminal justice system, there be more youth bureaus, crisis centers, and diversion agencies to handle status offenders (i.e., Lucas County Childrens Services). This would ease the backlog of court cases and protect juveniles from associating with more delinquent youths. Removing juveniles from the criminal justice system would allow them to be counseled and supervised more discretely and maintain a more positive attitude.

(WOMAN OFFENDER)

The Honorable Irma Karmol (or your Representative)  
State Representative  
Capitol Building  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Karmol:

As a member of the Toledo Business and Professional Women's Club, I am concerned about the treatment of women offenders. I am in support of legislation that would provide vocational and educational rehabilitation. We are fortunate to have a Woman Offenders Services Bureau associated with the Lucas County Sheriff's Department. . . .

\*Are there any other such supportive services for the preadjudicated and postadjudicated female and her family?

\*What types of linkages and referral systems are provided from Ohio's correctional agencies to the community?

\*What is provided in the realm of educational, recreational, and self-development programming for women to address their needs, concerns, and problems?

\* At booking, are women informed of assistance programs available through local, state, and federal support bureaus in the community?