

Dear GR Community Members & Partner Organizations:

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In partnership with Free Speech For People and other partner organizations, we are sending a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland demanding he instruct the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel to rescind its [January 6, 2020 advisory opinion](#) regarding the ratification of the ERA so that Ferriero can include the ERA in the Constitution.

We believe that the Department of Justice is not, and should not be considered, a gatekeeper on the legal validity of an amendment, and we believe the legal basis the Office of Legal Counsel included in its January 2020 ruling is invalid, as the deadline it is referencing in *Dillon v. Gloss* was included in the text of the proposed amendment ratified by Congress.

The certification of the Equal Rights Amendment will have wide-reaching, material impacts on the lives of all Americans. It is intersectional with economic justice, racial justice, queer liberation, climate justice, and so much more. Our aim with this letter is to not only pressure Attorney General Merrick Garland to rescind the January 6th memo, but to also show the support of organizations from a multitude of issue areas to highlight both the intersectionality of gender equity and the broad support for the ERA.

We are grateful you are in this fight with us.

Thank you,
The Generation Ratify Team

The Essentials

Content: [Image and Video folder](#) -- graphics coming Friday night

Website: [Generationratify.org/Letter-to-the-AG](#) [unpublished]

Tag: @generationratify (insta), @genratify (twitter) – [see partner social media here](#)

Hashtag: #LetterToTheAG #ListenUpGarland #ERANow #ERAisEverywhere #ERAforEveryone #ERAisMe #ERAisYou #ERAforAll

Calls to Action to Amplify: [Generationratify.org/Letter-to-the-AG](#) -- links to send an email to Merrick Garland will be on here!

Press Release: See press release [here](#).

Generation Ratify Voice Guide: [link](#)

Sample Twitter Language:

1. The @TheJusticeDept is not, and should not be considered, a gatekeeper on the legal validity of an amendment.

Merrick Garland & @TheJusticeDept: Rescind the invalid January 6, 2020 advisory opinion blocking the certification of the ERA.

#LetterToTheAG @FSFP @genratify

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2. Exclusion from the Constitution has restricted freedoms for and taken away opportunities from marginalized genders for too long.

@TheJusticeDept, why are you continuing to block the Equal Rights Amendment from the Constitution?

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3. The Equal Rights Amendment fights for *insert you/your organization cares about.*

Merrick Garland & @TheJusticeDept must rescind the invalid January 6th, 2020 memo blocking the certification of the ERA. *Insert issue* is on the line.

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Sample Instagram/ Facebook Video Script:

Share with us what the rescission of the January 6th, 2020 memo means to you! Here is a sample script:

“Hi, everyone! My name is [name], I am [age], and I’m from [where you are from]. Generation Ratify and Free Speech for People recently released a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland demanding he instruct the Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel to rescind its January 6, 2020 advisory opinion that is blocking the recording of the ERA into the Constitution. The letter is exciting to me because [what does it mean to you? You can talk generally about what the ERA means to you!]. Visit generationratify.org/letter-to-the-ag to read more about it!

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Visit the link in our bio to learn more about this letter & how you can take action.