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ACS Releases Statement on President Biden's Recognition of the Equal Rights Amendment

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Washington, D.C. -- American Constitution Society President Russ Feingold released the following statement in response to President Biden announcing today he believes the Equal Rights Amendment should be considered an already ratified addition to the U.S. Constitution.

"I and ACS have long believed and argued, alongside many other committed women's rights organizations and advocates, that the ERA met all the constitutional requirements to be recognized as the already valid ratified 28th Amendment to the Constitution. As women face mounting threats to their reproductive and bodily autonomy, recognizing – and enforcing – the ERA is more important than ever. It is critical to addressing a founding failure of our Constitution - its silence on gender equality. Thirty-eight states have acknowledged this founding failure and ratified the ERA in accordance with the procedure provided in Article V. It is part of the Constitution and should be treated as such.

We thank President Biden for recognizing this fact and join with our partners and women's right organizations and advocates in celebrating this recognition of the validity of the Equal Rights Amendment, which has been so long and hard fought for by so many."

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