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The Honorable Chris S. Barker, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Barker:

The North Carolina Council of Churches Committee for ERA has asked me to write to you to express our hope that you will give thoughtful and prayerful attention to the Equal Rights Amendment. We encourage you to read carefully the enclosed brochure which contains statements by North Carolina church leaders and organizations in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

We affirm that God has created male and female in God's image and that Jesus related to women and men as equals. Jesus broke with the cultural traditions of his day by speaking with women in public and by teaching them the scriptures. God has given gifts and talents to all persons in order that they may be about the work of building a better world. We must not restrict anyone's legal right to use those gifts!

We would be happy to talk with you personally to answer any questions you might have about the Biblical basis for equality of all persons. Please feel free to contact me or other persons connected with the Council of Churches for further information. You may obtain a more detailed packet of materials from the N. C. Council of Churches, 110 Cox Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. 27605.

Thank you very much for your attention. We encourage you to vote for the amendment in order to make it part of our United States Constitution!

Peace,

Calvin Rogers-Witte

Ann Calvin Rogers-Witte, Chairperson
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