**Sample letter to leave with staff of your Representative or Senator,**

Dear Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

***NOTE:*** *If you have any personal or professional connection with the member or want to comment generally on the job they are doing, please add that in a short paragraph here – it helps personalize the communication and increases the likelihood of a response.*

I am one of many people in this state who think it is important to ensure equal rights for all persons regardless of gender. While I hope that we can achieve final ratification of the equal rights amendment at the national level, this may take time given the gridlock in Congress.

However, Minnesota could join the growing number of states that have already added equal rights amendments to their state constitutions. You can help make this happen by sponsoring and supporting bills that will allow the people of this state to vote to amend our state constitution to enshrine equal rights for all. As one of your constituents, I strongly urge you to act on this issue. I look forward to hearing if we can count on you regarding equal rights for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

*Your name* ***and Address***

***NOTE:*** *including your address is very important for verifying you are a constituent and getting a response.*