

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 24, 1978

MEMORANDUM TO SENIOR STAFF

FROM: MIDGE COSTANZA *mc*

RE: ERA

As you know, the House Judiciary Committee voted to report the ERA extension bill (H.R. 638) last week. This was a major victory, but the fight is by no means over.

House floor action may occur during the first two weeks of August. Although the outlook is reasonably good, passage is by no means assured. In addition, we face a tough fight in the Senate.

The President has asked me to make ERA extension a priority, and in order to assure a tightly coordinated White House effort, I would appreciate your cooperation in keeping me fully informed of all ERA-related activities of your offices. It is particularly important that I have advance knowledge of proposed scheduling requests for the President, Vice President, and First Lady and of all White House meetings dealing with ERA.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of a memorandum to agency heads which was signed by the President on July 20. The memorandum is embargoed for release until Tuesday, July 25.

cc: Margaret McKenna
Phil Wise
Mary Hoyt
Maxine Burns
Val Pinson
Beth Abramowitz
Jane Wales
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