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cc: Brown

Dear President Carter:

We were dismayed to learn that Sam Brown, Director of ACTION, abandoned his decision to move the training meetings out of states that have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. In his statement, Brown went on to say that he was committed to passage of the ERA. Frankly, it is this type of lip-service commitment that has made passage of the amendment very difficult. It appears that Brown's original decision was reversed after two U.S. Senators from unratified states wrote the Attorney General. In every state where the vote on ERA has been close, supporters have "caved in" to political pressure.

The time for ratification is short; the deadline is only thirteen months away. If the amendment is to pass, we must have the leadership of you and your administration. We would like to know what tools, resources, techniques for jawboning and moral persuasion are at your disposal and what you intend to use? What is the presidential strategy for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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