



Equality Amendment (Bill S.108-A-Krueger/A.1283-Seawright) MEMORANDUM OF OPPOSITION

The proposed Equality Amendment (Bill S.108-A-Krueger/A.1283-Seawright) was passed by the New York State Legislature in 2022 and again in 2023. The Amendment is scheduled to be submitted to New York voters for approval on the November 2024 general election ballot. Because the Equality Amendment is an attack on human life, parental rights, and religious liberty, New York Families Action is adamantly opposed to it.

If approved, the Equality Amendment would amend the New York State Constitution to ban discrimination based on “ethnicity, national origin, age, [and] disability,”¹ as well as “sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.”² New York law already contains extremist policies supporting transgenderism and late-term abortion; the Equality Amendment would further entrench those extremist policies by placing them into the text of the New York State Constitution, making it much more difficult to repeal those policies in the future. The proposed constitutional ban on age discrimination is also objectionable, as it could be used to weaken parental rights in regard to matters like “gender-affirming” medical treatment.

New York voters are strongly urged to vote “no” on the Equality Amendment on November 5, 2024.

¹ Some elements of the Equality Amendment are not objectionable. New York Families Action supports a constitutional ban on discrimination based upon ethnicity, national origin, and disability. Furthermore, we would be pleased to support a constitutional ban on sex discrimination if such a ban did not affect policies on abortion, sexuality, and gender identity.

² The Equality Amendment’s language regarding “pregnancy outcomes” and “reproductive healthcare and autonomy” would create a fundamental right to abortion at any stage of pregnancy under the New York State Constitution. The Amendment’s language regarding “gender identity” and “gender expression” would create a fundamental right to engage in “transgendered” behavior, and to have that behavior treated as normal and acceptable by the state.