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To City and Branch Organizers

Dear Comrades,

After polling its national board the National Organization for Women (NOW) has decided to call national ERA actions for May 15 and 16 in Springfield, Illinois. These actions will take the place of the previously planned April 20 demonstration.

NOW is calling on ERA supporters in the Midwest and East to come to Springfield on Saturday May 15 to campaign for the ERA in the legislative districts. Sunday May 16 will be a national ERA demonstration, with a march from the state fairgrounds to the state capitol in Springfield.

NOW has not yet officially announced these plans, but says it will hold a news conference within the week. Tentative plans for building these activities include an ad in the New York Times, and reopening the old NOW national office in Chicago to serve as a coordinating center for building the Springfield actions.

Although the May 15-16 actions have not been officially announced, NOW chapters and ERA coalitions around the country have already begun to discuss how to build these actions. In Los Angeles, a February 7 regional ERA conference, sponsored by the Los Angeles Coalition for the ERA, discussed plans to hold solidarity actions in Los Angeles on the weekend of May 15-16. In Atlanta, Georgians for the ERA, is sending a letter to groups around the country urging ERA actions the weekend of March 5-8 and support for the Springfield actions in May.

We should help participate in organizing buses from cities in the Midwest and East to come to the Springfield action and organize solidarity actions. The March 5-8 actions can be used to kick off the building of the May ERA actions in Illinois.

Comradely,

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