

Gender Equality

The Augusta County Democratic Committee believes in full equality for all women. We call for an end to gender discrimination in all areas of society, including but not limited to education, employment, and health care. Biases across economic, political, and social life that hold women back and limit their opportunities must end. All women must be free to exercise their Constitutional rights unfettered. As a nation, we must:

- Ensure that every woman has access to quality reproductive health care services, including contraception and safe and legal abortions.
- Fully support a woman's decision to have a child. This includes ensuring a safe and healthy pregnancy and childbirth by providing support services during pregnancy and after the birth of a child. This further includes adoption and social support services, as well as protections for women against pregnancy discrimination.
- Enshrine the rights of women in the Constitution by passing, at long last, the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Require equal pay for women to eliminate the current wage gap.
- Enact national paid family and medical leave legislation.
- End the scourge of violence against women wherever it occurs – whether in our homes, streets, schools, military, or elsewhere.
- Bring an end to sexual harassment and assault anywhere and at any time
- Continue to be a strong advocate for the rights and opportunities of women and girls around the world.
- Fully support women in their struggle to break down gender-based formal and informal barriers to male dominated career fields, beginning in our schools.
- Reject efforts to defund Planned Parenthood health centers, which provide critical health services to millions of women who otherwise would have none.