## **MFBPW** Legislative Platform

### **Equal Rights Amendment**

We support:

- The passage of a bill in the Minnesota Legislature to place an Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota
- The passage of the Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment, without amendments, to the United States Constitution

### **Economic Equity**

We support legislation that provides for:

- A fair and livable wage
- Affordable dependent care
- Equal opportunities in education
- · Equal access to affordable housing
- Adequate retirement benefits and Social Security
- Programs for women re-entering the workforce
- The enforcement of all equal pay legislation

### **Health Care**

We support legislation that provides for:

- · Health care privacy
- Reproductive freedom as a right for all women
- Equality of access to affordable and adequate health care and service for all
- Increased funding for research of women's health issues
- · Paid sick days as a universal labor standard

### Violence and Exploitation of Women

We support legislation that provides for:

- · Legal protections for victims of exploitation
- Adequate funding for education programs that teach violence prevention and anger management
- The establishment of additional shelters and aftercare programs
- Programs to inform victims of their legal rights
- Compensatory damage awards for victims of violence
- Jail time when appropriate

### **Civil Rights**

We support legislation that:

- Ensures equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives
- Continues affirmative action programs
- Eliminates sexual harassment against women



To be connected to like-minded women in your area, e-mail MFPBW TODAY! info@mnbusinesswomen.org, or for more information on MFPBW in your area, visit our web site at: www.mnbusinesswomen.org.

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# Minnesota Business & Professional Women, an organization comprised of women working together to promote personal empowerment, professional development and political awareness for the women of Minnesota.

# MFBPW'S BENEFITS:

- Networking opportunities and resources
- Skill building and educational opportunities
- Leadership development opportunities
- Legislative visibility
- Associate membership in U.S.
   Woman's Chamber of Commerce
- Associate membership in Business and Professional Women USA
- Mentoring



MFBPW helps advance the careers of working women. Our members benefit from networking, resources, education programs and visibility. For over 90 years, MFBPW has worked for equity for women. Won't you join us in making a difference for women?



Minnesota Business & Professional Women...

We see and are part of the bigger picture... Become part of the BIGGER picture!

# State and Local Impacts:

MFBPW over the years has made significant strides in positive and prodifferences gressive in legislation/laws pertaining to women and many of the issues surrounding us. We also strive to make a positive impact in the communities we live in. Through empowerment and engagement of a diverse and close-knit group of women, we get things accomplished! MFBPW definitely helps us as women to feel connected, empowering us to be part of the answer to the bigger questions. MFBPW is also a great source of informational networking, offering an incredible support system on many different levels of women's lives!

MFBPW MEMBERS HAVE A COMMON BOND:

\*## THE DESIRE

& MOTIVATION

TO SUCCEED:

