FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT:
Janel Knight Trulear
janel@emccommunications.com
617-875-6581

STATEMENT: Voters made affordability the mandate tonight; winners must put the issues women have raised for decades at the front of the line

Statement from Noreen Farrell, President and CEO of Equal Rights Advocates Action Fund, on the midterm election results and the way women were treated this campaign season

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3, 2026 – Noreen Farrell, President and CEO of Equal Rights Advocates Action Fund (ERA-AF), released the following statement on Tuesday's election results:

"Voters spoke loudly tonight, electing the candidates—many of them women beating back misogyny—who made economic security and affordability the center of their campaigns. And they did it in a cycle where a number of women candidates were hit with some of the most shameful attacks in recent memory. The political culture that denigrates female candidates has also consistently marginalized the concerns they champion. For decades, politicians filed equal pay, paid leave, and child care under 'women's issues' and pushed them to the back burner. But they're kitchen table affordability issues, and tonight voters moved them to the front of the line.

Americans are hurting, and those elected tonight need to begin delivering on their promises to put more money in people's pockets and bring down costs now. Equal Rights Advocates Action Fund polling shows where they should begin: At least 73% of voters said it's important for Congress to make progress in the next two years on a number of core economic issues, including: equal pay; affordable care for children and aging parents; paid leave; higher wages; and lowering the cost of groceries, housing, utilities, and healthcare.

To the new Congress: voters gave you one job tonight – solve the affordability crisis. You can do that by focusing on issues super majorities support, like putting money in American's pockets through policies that raise wages, ensure paid family leave and sick days, and equal pay. ERA-AF will hold elected leaders across the political aisle accountable until it gets done."

###

About Equal Rights Advocates Action Fund (ERA-AF)
Equal Rights Advocates Action Fund (ERA-AF) is the 501(c)(4) arm of Equal Rights Advocates, which has fought for gender justice across America for more than 50 years. ERA-AF polls voters, shapes public debate and recruits gender equity champions in statehouses and Congress. www.ERA-AF.org