

June 20, 1919.

My dear Captain Sackett:

Your letter to hand, and I thank you for it. You may be sure that your past record of support and helpfulness will neither be forgotten or unappreciated if you finally decide that you cannot support the ratification resolution, tho words will be unable to express my personal regret if we have to achieve our final triumph without your vote after the years in which you stood by us in our defeat.

You know Captain Sackett I would be the last person in the world to ask you go against your honest convictions--but I do beg of you to consider our matter very very carefully before you vote against us. We feel that the men who were elected to office on the Democratic Platform of this state are definitely pledged to redeem the promises of that Platform and no power can absolve a Democrat from that pledge except a State Democratic Convention.

I appreciate what you say of your disappointment in the result of the election on May 24th, but to those of us who have spent the best years of our lives working for this cause, and the general good of the State of Texas, that result was not unexpected. The Suffrage Amendment was handicapped with an alien exclusion rider and by some oversight of our friends and machination of our enemies, rushed to the vote while approximately 200,000 American men were out of the electorate in the United States Army. There are in this state nearly 150,000 men of voting age (United States Census 1910) foreign born and the marvel is that even our most optimistic friends expected us to win with that handicap, since the American men themselves, with the weapon of the vote in hand, have twice gone down to defeat in trying to put over the alien Amendment, within the past five years, and that while all of the American men were at home.

In our case the women could not vote for their enfranchisement and we lacked those 200,000 American soldiers of having the full American voting strength of the state to draw on for support.

We do not feel that the vote on May 24th was a fair test of public sentiment on Suffrage, ~~and we beg you and all of our other friends to stress this fact~~ together with the fact that the Democratic Platform adopted at the State Convention in Waco last September has this plank in it: "We favor the submission of an amendment to the Federal Constitution to various legislatures giving the right of suffrage to women on the same terms as men and that the legislature ratify the same when so submitted."

The men who were elected on that platform stand pledged to the Democrats of Texas to redeem it, and the vote of 191,000 Negro and 129,000 foreign-born who were in the main not Democrats, but were eligible to vote on May 24th had no power to release these men from this pledge. I feel sure that if you and our other friends make it clear that you are standing on this plank there will be no question of ~~immediate~~ ratification of the Federal Amendment in Texas.

*as to your vote on*

Very sincerely yours,

President.

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*And we ask you  
to bear this in mind*

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