

Hon. _____, Representative,
_____ Congressional District of Texas,
_____, Texas.

Dear Sir (Or Mr. _____):

The federal suffrage amendment, whose purpose is to confer citizenship upon the women of the United States, will come before the Sixty-fifth Congress. We ask you to vote for this federal amendment for the following reasons:

First. As a war measure, many of our public spirited and intelligent women are working for their full citizenship when they would prefer to give a greater measure of time to war service. They have proven their readiness for the ballot by their patriotic fervor in forwarding the war plans of the nation. They have valorously helped make the towns safe for the camps, and the camps safe for the soldiers. They are supporting the Red Cross by work and money; they have sold and subscribed to Liberty Bonds, a conservative estimate showing subscription of \$13,121,800.00 traceable to their efforts in the Eleventh Reserve District. They have given as freely as we men to the YMCA and the YWCA work and to the Comfort Funds of the Camps.

The Hooverizing of their homes means hourly devotion and sacrifice. We can testify that in this District we need no draft law to get their unwearied, painstaking response to the plans of the administration for the carrying on of the war.

Second. The Texas Legislature did not carry out the Democratic Party Pledge to allow the question to be voted on by the people, February 6, 1917.

Third. In our state, we have an electorate among whom it is especially hard for the women to campaign, viz., among the more than 40,000 Mexicans, many of whom do not speak English, yet vote on papers of first intention; and also to campaign among the negroes, and the Southwest German settlements. All of these elements are ultra-conservative and apathetic to every change.

Fourth. We believe that Texas mothers are so deeply interested in our schools and in town affairs that both education and local self-government would instantaneously benefit by their equal cooperation in government. Since Texas high schools graduate more girls than boys, the white literate vote will be increased; and Texas needs the help of our intelligent, thoughtful women.

We are ready to help you whenever you call on us, and wish for you great success in the Sixty-fifth Congress.

Very truly yours,