

January 22, 1918.

Judge J. A. Elkins,  
Houston,  
Texas.

Dear Mr. Elkins:

Doubtless you are aware of the passage of the Federal Amendment for Woman Suffrage by the House, on January tenth. We are scheduled to come before the Senate within a few days, and we of Texas are very desirous to present a solid Texas vote for the measure there. To that end, we are asking the friends of our Cause to wire Senator Culberson asking his vote and support for Suffrage whenever it may come up. Will you be so good as to send a wire to him? We will greatly appreciate any that you send or cause to be sent urging his support of our measure.

We feel that Senator Culberson, while not in favor of Suffrage, I understand, should vote to submit the Amendment to the states, since the states reserved to themselves as one of their highest rights, the right to Amend the Constitution when three-fourths of them should be agreed on an Amendment.

Also we feel that as a loyal Democrat, he should vote for the Amendment and stand by President Wilson and the party, and not let the Republican Party have the advantage in the next presidential election that they could have in New York and the Western States where women already vote, if they can claim that they passed the Amendment.

And last, but greatest of all, we feel that in this hour of war and doubled sorrow and responsibility, every American woman has a right to look to every American man for help in gaining the protection of the ballot.

Accept my sincere thanks in advance for the favors asked. I met some of the Walker County people the other day. They are missing you and Mrs. Elkins very much, indeed, up there, - which is not surprising!

Sincerely yours,