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Dear Suffragist:

The only hope left for the University is to get the Legislature in called session within the next three or four weeks. To this end I beg you to at once write to Speaker of the House, F. O. Fuller, Cold Springs, Texas, -

- First, One letter for yourself in the first mail that goes out after this reaches you.
- Second, One letter within the week, signed by the members of your Executive Board; and
- Third, As many letters from individual men and women as a committee sent out for that purpose can secure.

These letters should all urge the immediate call of the Legislature by Speaker F.O. Fuller, to do what is needful for the protection of the University and our other state institutions from the ruthless hand that has been laid upon them. Give no publicity to this action.

In addition to this, you are urged as women, if you live in a town where a University of Texas regent lives, to take a delegation and go ask why the Department of Home Economics was singled out to be limited at this time when our Nation's biggest problem is a food one, and this Department in the University of Texas the only one in the South prepared to render "first aid" in information on other kinds of bread, so that the wheat may be conserved? and when the North and East look to the South for this information because the raw material for experimentation is here? The work of this Department, since the way has been recognized by the Government and the great Universities of the East, is most valuable and in advance of any other work being done. Is it a "German plot" to close this school, which was helping to solve what is admittedly the problem on which hinges the success of the war, - the food problem? The source of it would indicate that it is, and you are urged to "cry aloud" your protest both publicly and privately.

In closing, let me solemnly urge that you double your Suffrage work, despite the hot weather, and work as you have never worked before, because our country needs us as it never needed us before. And, if we give our sons to protect us from an enemy abroad, shall we not give ourselves with equal willingness to protect our homes while they are away?

Faithfully yours,

Enc-List of Legislators.
MFC-EHL

MINNIE FISHER CUNNINGHAM,
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