

, August 19, 1918.

Hon. Chas. A. Culberson,  
Senate Chamber, Capitol,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator Culberson:

We are dismayed to note that the Woman's Party has resumed the heckling of our President, which has before been the chief feature of their program.

You are of course advised that there is no connection or sympathy between this young, radical and totally misguided organization and our own, the National American Woman Suffrage Association, an organization with many decades of dignified constructive service in behalf of the cause of equal suffrage to its credit. And I am writing to beg you, as a favor to the women of Texas, to make this difference known at any and all times when the subject may arise.

We, as democratic women, loyally supporting President Wilson, and deeply grateful to him for his help in the Cause of Equal Suffrage, feel chagrined at this action on the part of the National Woman's Party, and greatly annoyed that they should pursue such tactics in the name of Suffrage. And we feel keenly the injustice of statements which have been made that our organizations are the same. Indeed, we are also quite certain that the men who made those statements were aware, at the time of making them, of their inaccuracy, - to use a mild word. And it is to representative Southern men like yourself that we look for a correction of that statement in our defense.

You know, Senator Culberson, the women who have been active in securing Suffrage in Texas, the three hundred and eighty-six thousand and more women who registered to vote in the primaries, are just as interested in the passage of the Federal Suffrage Amendment as the enfranchised women of New York or California, but they are not the women who would affiliate with the Woman's Party or annoy our President any more than would the constructive voters of New York or California; and so does Senator Wadsworth know it.

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We hope that the next few weeks will see our amendment passed the Senate, and we earnestly ask your most active support to the end that the question may be settled at an early date. We know and would enlist the full measure of your powerful support for our measure; and feel certain that January will not pass without its ratification by the Texas Legislature, if the Senate will give us the opportunity.

You may be interested to know that the State Democratic Committee had honored me by naming me Temporary Chairman of the State Convention, meeting in Waco on September third. This comes as a great surprise to me but was intended as a recognition of the work of the women in the late campaign, and as such is greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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