

The White House

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8 March 1918

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The Democratic Party xxx

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Cordially and sincerely yours,


(Signed) Woodrow Wilson

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Potter,
1626 Rhode Island Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE
PRIMARY SUFFRAGE BILL BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE

WOODROW WILSON

420 PM

March 14, 1918

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President:-

Permit me to express to you the deep appreciation of the Women of Texas for your splendid and encouraging letter to Mrs. Potter, on the subject of Primary Suffrage.

If, perhaps, all women are not "congenitally democrats", as one of the Republican senators suggested the other day after the New York elections, at least all American women have reason to be deeply grateful to the greatest democrat in the world, the Nation's Commander in Chief.

Gratefully and sincerely yours,


President

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To Honorable J. P. Tumulty Sec. to the President

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The women of Texas deeply appreciate the interest and help
of President Wilson in our effort to secure full Suffrage. Please
convey to him our great thanks.

Minnie Fisher Cunningham

President, Texas Equal Suffrage Assn.

SENDER'S ADDRESS
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PRESIDENT TEXAS WOMANS SUFFRAGE ASSN 605

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ADDRESSED TO YOU RECEIVED THIS MORNING BY CABLE QUOTE I AM LOOKING FORWARD WITH THE GREATEST INTEREST TO THE REFERENDUM OF MAY TWENTY FOURTH ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND ENTERTAIN THE CONFIDENT HOPE THAT THE MEN OF TEXAS WILL BY VERY GREAT MAJORITY RENDER GALLANT JUSTICE TO THE WOMEN OF THE STATE UNQUOTE.

J P TUMULTY SECY TO THE PRESIDENT. 1023A

, November 22, 1918.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President:

The Executive Board of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association, meeting in Austin last week, made a thorough canvass of the Suffrage situation, both state and national.

We find ourselves greatly indebted to you for progress in both lines of work, and wish to express our deep appreciation, especially for the magnificent speech made by you to the Senate, on September thirtieth.

We congratulate you and thank you for leading the United States safely through its greatest national experience; and we earnestly hope that it will meet with your approval to appoint representative women to the Peace Conference. Especially we hope that the President of the National and International Suffrage Association, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, may be appointed.

Very respectfully

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President.

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March 28, 1918

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President:-

Permit me to thank you for the interest which prompted your telegram of congratulation to the Texas women, on securing Primary Suffrage in our State.

Governor Hobby signed our bill on the 26th day of March, and we are exceedingly happy over the out come of our work, and very, very grateful to all who helped us attain this measure of success, among these we are greatly honored to rank yourself.

Very truly yours,

President

MFC*ARS

Pres Wilson *(Hol)*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Cunningham:

I beg to thank you in the President's
behalf for your letter of January 13th. I
shall be glad to bring it to his attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Murray
Secretary to the President.

Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham,
306 Trust Building,
Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Wilson

*Send to me by
Mrs. Pollock*

March 6, 1918.

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am requested by the Texas Equal Suffrage Association to present to you a matter which, in their view, has an important bearing upon the winning of the war.

The women of Texas have not spared themselves in any way in the performance of all kinds of war work and have left nothing undone to aid and support the Government or to contribute to the comfort of our soldiers and sailors and their dependents.

We strongly believe that it would be a fitting recognition of the important assistance rendered by women in the great tasks of the war and would largely increase their efficiency and usefulness if the women of Texas were immediately given the ballot, in so far as it is practicable to do so.

Under the constitution of Texas women can be accorded the ballot at general elections only by constitutional amendment, but it is well recognized that by the passage of a statute they may be given the right to vote in primary elections, and as all important political questions are substantially determined in Texas by primary elections, such a statute would go far toward giving them equal potential political rights with male citizens. As you may know, in the state of Arkansas where similar political conditions exist the legislature has already conferred the right to vote in primary elections upon

women by statute.

The legislature of Texas is now assembled in special session and will doubtless consider amendments to its election laws, and in that connection an effort is being made to procure the enactment of the statute permitting women to vote in primary elections. It is believed that in view of your well-known views on the general subject of Equal Suffrage an expression from you favorable to such a measure would be most helpful in securing its enactment, and we earnestly hope that you can see your way clear to consistently give such an expression.

The women of Texas are a substantial unit in loyal and enthusiastic and self-sacrificing support of the administration in its splendid conduct of the war. Can it fail to be otherwise than helpful to the Government if immediate provision can be made so that they may give the utmost expression practicable of this loyalty in the nomination of candidates for Senators and Representatives in Congress, and state and local officials, in Texas this year?

Sincerely yours,

Vice President
Equal Suffrage Association.