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TYLER, TEXAS,

Nov. 20, 1917.

Hon. James Young, Representative
3rd ~~7th~~ Congressional District of Texas,
Kaufman, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

We women of your district ask you to vote for the Suffrage amendment when it comes before the 65th Congress.

1. Because we want to be full citizens of the United States.
2. Because we respond to every call of duty to our Nation that men respond to.
3. Because we bear the costs of government - in taxation and in political control.
4. Because we need the power that a vote gives to protect our labor and the regulation of our lives.
5. Because the Democratic Party which voted 8 to 1 for equal suffrage at St. Louis in 1916, did not fulfill that pledge in the Texas Legislature on March 6th, 1917.
6. Because a State campaign forces us to appeal to negro men to raise us to their political status.
7. A State campaign also forces us to appeal in Spanish to thousands of illiterate and alien Mexicans who in Texas vote on "papers of first intention."
8. A state campaign also forces us to campaign amongst the ultra-conservative German towns whose citizens are averse to giving women any recognition in government.

Hon. Jas. Young # 2.

Our Enfranchisement will enormously increase the white supremacy of Texas and give an impetus toward the best ideals of American democracy. The State would, of course, ratify the federal amendment and prescribe conditions suitable to our State and conformable to the U. S. constitution.

Finally, we want to vote for President Wilson, if he decides to be a 3rd term War president.

with cordial wishes, we remain

Your constituents,