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Dear Suffragist:

Accept my heartfelt congratulations on our victory, the passage of the Primary Suffrage bill by the Texas Legislature. My gratitude to you for the splendid backing in letters, petitions and telegrams to your legislators, the Senate and the Governor, can never be adequately expressed. You held your line magnificently; and when I called on the larger towns for a barrage fire of telegrams, "one every fifteen minutes," the response was impressive. There can be no doubt that the credit for the victory rests with the second line trench, though those in the first labored earnestly and untiringly and deserve much credit. Among those who deserve special mention are Mrs. Hortense Ward, whom you will remember was instrumental in securing the passage of the married woman's property law a few years ago, and to whom the women of Texas again owe a debt of gratitude for her help at this time; Mrs. Helen Moore, our own faithful and tireless first vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Speer; our National Director from Texas, Mrs. Nonie Boren Mahoney, who swung the great petition of ten thousand names from Dallas County; Mrs. E. B. Reppert, our Publicity Chairman, who kept a constant editorial bombardment going on from every section of the state; and Miss Engle, our Field Secretary. Of course there are many others, - hundreds of others, - but the victory is great enough to furnish credit to go around with a "generous help" to all.

The State Convention will meet in Austin the last week in May, actual date to be given you by post card later. We are trying to get Dr. Anna Howard Shaw to come and start us correctly on our way as the newly made voters; and the date will be set to suit her convenience, of course.

The LIBERTY LOAN work is the next thing of first importance before every true American. I beg of you to give it absolute right of way in your lives. It is given to us to feel that by so doing we may draw near in service to the suffering peoples of France and Belgium, and to the heroic men who are today defending the Western Front of civilization from the oncoming hordes of the Hun. If anyone lets lesser things separate him or her from this privilege of loving service there will be cause for regret the remaining days of their life. Such an one is not yet awake to the privileges and opportunities of being an American in this day of weighing and testing true worth.

Faithfully yours,

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