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

Dear Mr. President:-

May I respectfully protest against the segregation of the colored people in the government departments. It is appalling to think that in spite of the liberty and freedom from persecution guaranteed to the negroes by our constitution, this astonishing and unjust stand should be taken by the government. I do not believe in the social mingling of the races, but to discriminate against a man in his work simply on account of his color is to me most unworthy of a country which above all others stands for equality before the law.

I therefore ask you to prevent this injustice to the negro, which though actuated in some quarters doubtless by a genuine desire to help him, is none the less gross injustice.

Respectfully yours,

*Alice P. Gannett*

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Associate Headworker.