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To His Excellency
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.,

My dear Mr. President:-

On behalf of the National American Woman Suffrage Association as well as on behalf of the suffrage associations of France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy and Portugal, for whom we transmitted a memorial to you asking for a message to the world upon the subject of woman suffrage, I express most grateful appreciation for your letter of June 13th.

Particularly do I want to say that your strong stand for the early passage of the federal suffrage amendment is of both national and international import as a renewed guaranty to the world that America is indeed and in truth fighting for democracy.

But two parliaments since the beginning of the war have pronounced against woman suffrage. These two are those of Germany and Hungary, while the parliaments of several of our allies have either given or promised the ballot to women. Surely the United States Senate cannot longer stand with our enemy countries in this matter of fundamental democracy.

Your message will give courage and hope to the women of our allied countries who are bearing such tragic burdens in this titanic struggle for freedom, and it is a continual gratification to suffragists in this country to know that we have a loyal friend in the White House.

Sincerely yours,

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