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NEW YORK, June 25, 1918.

Hon. Howard Southerland,

Dear Sir:

Allow me on behalf of this League to urge you to vote against the joint resolution depriving each of the several states of the power to regulate political suffrage for itself.

1. The civil rights of citizens are secured by the constitution and protected by the courts. These are equal, but political suffrage is not a right. From the beginning of our government, each state has been left free to grant this power and to impose this responsibility upon those whom that state deemed best adapted to exercise it. The only case in which we have departed from it--that of negro suffrage--is recognized by all impartial men to have been a mistake--injurious to whites and blacks alike.

2. It is said that women have done so much in this war that they ought to be rewarded. In all wars they have done a great deal. In peace they do a great deal. Suffrage is not a reward; it is a responsibility. Let us reward our noble women in the future as we have in the past. They have never had cause for complaint against American men. They have none now.

3. It is said that extending political suffrage to women is more Democratic. That we deny. It is not American Democracy. The Russians are trying it, but their Democracy is a wretched failure--a warning, not an example.

4. This attempted compulsion of states opposed to political suffrage for women is not Democratic, it is German. The Germans were confident of the excellence of their Kultur as suffragists are of their dogma. Instead of attempting to convince other states they sought to compel. That is what the suffragists are trying to do with Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska,--all of which have voted by large majorities against political suffrage for women.

We urge, therefore, that you attend and vote against the resolution.

Very truly yours,

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Everett P. Wheeler
Chairman

Suffrage

June 25, 1918.

Mr. Everett P. Wheeler, Chairman,
American Constitutional League,
27 William Street,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

I have your favor of the 25th instant
regarding Suffrage which I have read with interest.
I thank you for your views, and assure you that I have
been giving, and will continue to give, this matter my
very closest attention.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,
Very truly yours,