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October 5, 1916.

To His Excellency Marcus H. Holcombe,  
Governor of Connecticut,  
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Governor Holcombe :

The members of the Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association are hoping that you will endorse the principle of woman suffrage in your message.

Two years ago I wrote to you, and asked you to take up the question and you said that it was too late at that time.

The National Republican Party has taken such an unequivocal stand in favor of woman suffrage and Mr. Hughes, your presidential candidate, has come out so strongly in favor of woman suffrage and even of the Federal Amendment, that a large number of Connecticut Republicans in our organization are very anxious to have a statement from you.

Connecticut is a conservative state but it is not a backward state, and it seems too bad for the Republicans here not to get some positive statement on woman suffrage. The Republican Convention endorsed the National Platform, which technically endorsed woman suffrage, and I am hoping that you, as their candidate for governor, will give to the public a good clear statement on the subject.

The Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association numbers 34,000 members. At the last session of the Legislature a petition endorsing woman suffrage and asking for the passage of the suffrage amendment, was signed by 43,867 Connecticut citizens over twenty-one years of age. All these signatures had been collected within one year from the time the petition had been presented to the Legislature.

Yours faithfully,

KHH:F.

*Katharine Houghton Hepburn*