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Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard:--

Enclosed you will find your place in the grouping -
sub-group #1 of the large group #4.

I am enclosing in this some notes on the Republican appeal. We feel that this is really the most important argument to be put forth in Connecticut, and we are anxious that some person in each one of the sub-groups shall talk Republicanism. We want to make all Republicans feel a sense of responsibility and thus move to stir the Republican machine in Connecticut. I hope you will be willing to incorporate these ideas in your speech, of course putting them in your own way. Do not hesitate to give the same speech each night as we want the message to travel.

I am also sending some notes to one person in each group concerning the foreign suffrage in the coming International Congress. I am giving these to Mrs. Edith Clark Cowles of Virginia in your group.

Most cordially yours,

Carrie Chapman Catt

President

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GROUP ONE - Rally Bridgeport, May 3d

1. Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, Illinois, Leader
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1. Mrs. F. Louis Slade, New York, Leader
Mrs. John L. Pyle, South Dakota
Mrs. Julian B. Salley, South Carolina
Miss Katherine Ludington, Connecticut

2. Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, Texas, Leader
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3. ~~Mrs. Gailford Dudley, Tennessee, Leader~~
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Miss Ella Dartch

Mrs. Chas. E. Martin

GROUP THREE - Rally New Haven, May 3d

1. Mrs. Ida Porter Boyer, Mass., Leader
Mrs. Charles E. Ellicott, Maryland
Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Minnesota
Mrs. Mary I. Wood, New Hampshire

2. Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, Missouri, Leader
~~Miss Rosamond Connor, Maine~~
Mrs. Philip Werlein, Louisiana
Mrs. A. B. Stroup, New Mexico

Mrs. Lucy H. Gannett

3. Mrs. Charles Dietrich, Nebraska, Leader
Mrs. B. F. Saunders, Mississippi
Mrs. Wallace Perham, Montana
~~Mrs. Henry Ridgely, Delaware~~

GROUP FOUR - Rally New London, May 3d

1. Mrs. Ellis Yost, West Virginia, Leader
Dr. Grace Raymond Hebard, Wyoming
Mrs. Edith Clark Cowles, Virginia
Mrs. Leah D. Widsoe, Utah

*Belmont & York Convention
not there*

2. Mrs. Ben Hooper, Wisconsin, Leader
Mrs. Hugh Brown, Nevada
Miss Josephine Miller, Arkansas
Mrs. Edward Fick, Washington

3. Mrs. Myron B. Vorce, Michigan
Mrs. E. A. Gould, Indiana
~~Mrs. E. F. Feickert, New Jersey~~
Mrs. Lilian Olzendam, Vermont

Mrs. Robert S. Huse

THE REPUBLICAN APPEAL

I am a Republican and I take pride in my party and its record (state here what, if any, Republican position you hold and say the party has honored you with such appointment).

The Republican Party went on record unequivocally in 1916 in its National Convention for the establishment of woman suffrage. During the 65th Congress when the Democrats had a majority in both Houses, the National Republican Committee passed a strong resolution favoring the immediate submission of the Federal Suffrage Amendment. In 1918 the elections gave a majority of Republicans in both Houses of Congress, and in the 66th Congress the Republicans lived up to their promises and submitted the Federal Suffrage Amendment. The National Republican Committee again went on record, being the only official representative of the Republican Party in the interim of conventions, and urged immediate ratification. Later, at another meeting of the committee, it again went on record, this time urging special sessions of legislatures in order that women might have the vote in the presidential election of 1920.

a democracy These resolutions of promise made Republican women throughout the land proud of their party. The great American and the greatest Republican, Abraham Lincoln, described this country as a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, and Republican women began to feel that at last the Republican Party was going to make good the definition of their great leader.

Bandwagon Of the forty-eight states in the Union, thirty have Republican Legislatures. Since the Republican Party is now in control of the Legislatures in much more than a majority of the states, and is in control of both Houses of Congress, ratification became chiefly a Republican responsibility. Thus far the Republican states have responded to this obligation, and twenty-seven of the thirty legislatures have ratified the Federal Suffrage Amendment. The three remaining are Vermont, Connecticut and Delaware. We are informed that Delaware, despite its delay, will ratify the Amendment. We are also informed that the Legislatures of Vermont and Connecticut stand ready to ratify whenever their Governors will call them into

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special session.

When the suffragists of the Nation ask the Governor of Connecticut to call a special session in order that the legislators of this state, already pledged to ratify, may express their will, they are asking nothing new and nothing strange. Already twenty-two Republican Legislatures have been called in special sessions because the Governors of those states recognized that making an end of the long struggle for the enfranchisement of women in this country is an emergency which demanded immediate action. 22

All through the country the Republican women have been urged to organize on behalf of the Republican Party in the coming election. A National Committee of Republican women to oversee this organization has been appointed, and another National Committee of women has been appointed for the purpose of raising funds from Republican women to defray the expenses of the coming campaign. In order that these women may serve their party loyally, cheerfully, energetically and with hearts filled with real devotion, it is necessary to give them a clean record of this question. I want to see every Republican Legislature ratify the Federal Suffrage Amendment in order that Republicans may say that a Republican Congress submitted the question, and every Republican Legislature ratified.

Important
I do not expect that a clean record is going to bring women, born and bred in the Democratic Party, into the Republican Party. We know the Republicans do not have Legislatures in thirty-six states, and that the Amendment could not have been submitted by Congress, nor could the Amendment have been ratified had it not been for Democratic help. But a clean record will have the effect of stimulating Republican women to a heartier support of their party and to a greater willingness to make sacrifices for it.

This is the situation. Thirty-five states have ratified the Amendment. We need one more to make it operative and until that one Legislature has been called and has been ratified then the campaign for woman suffrage must go on. Women must

continue to give their money, their time, their energies to that campaign instead of to the support of the parties of their choice.

Meanwhile, what is to be the effect upon the women who want to support the Republican Party, who want to work for it, who want to sacrifice for it, if it is to be said that the task is uncompleted and that women in all states cannot vote because Republican Governors have refused to call sessions in order to provide opportunity for ratification.

It must not be forgotten that the women of this country have the vote for President in twenty-nine states, but women very naturally feel that this is not enough suffrage to warrant the devotion of much time or effort. It is humiliating to women to vote in one ballot box to which their privilege is limited, while every sort and kind of man is permitted to vote in another box where all candidates are under consideration. They do not enjoy the discrimination.

Let me repeat, we cannot lay the responsibility of this discrimination upon the Democrats because the Republicans are in majority and in control of a majority of states and of Congress. Therefore I appeal to you Republicans of Connecticut to make in turn your appeal to your Governor and beg him to put Connecticut right with a majority of the Republican Party, and that is, call a special session, ratify and make an end to the long, long struggle for the enfranchisement of women.