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Dear Friend:

I am sending this letter and questionnaire to 1000 prominent and well known women in the 12 suffrage states. I am daring to hope that each recipient will make reply. I believe most answers can be entered with little trouble.

The Eastern Press credits the "woman vote" with having been the decisive factor in the recent campaign. Of course Republicans are finding plenty of reasons in consequence why women are quite incompetent to vote and had the shoe been on the other foot, the Democrats would have found the same reasons.

It is important that we who are fighting in the "storm center" of the suffrage struggle should be equipped with facts as they are. If you will give us your opinion on enclosed questionnaire it will greatly help. We propose to tabulate the replies and do not intend to quote you individually. You may trust us.

Some of the papers are trying to prove that the vote of Western women for Mr. Wilson is evidence that they do not endorse the Federal Suffrage Amendment, and that they do not care to cooperate with Eastern women to secure the enfranchisement of the women of the entire nation. We are loath to believe this. It is important that we have some proof that it is not so. In answering that question, will you speak for the women you know?

If there is some interesting incident, fact or theory not brought out in direct answer to the questionnaire, which you can add, I will be glad if you will tell us frankly whether we can use your name in connection with it.

I do not know the political faith of most of the women to whom I am directing these inquiries, but I am asking you to state your politics in signing your name as we shall tabulate Democratic and Republican women separately.

I think you know that the National American Woman Suffrage Association introduced the Federal Suffrage Amendment in 1875 and is earnestly endeavoring to secure its submission, but that it does not approve the effort to make it a partisan question. It welcomes votes for suffrage no matter from what party they come.

I think you also know that our work for suffrage is strictly non-partisan.

Thanking you in advance for the hoped for answers to the enclosed questionnaire, I am,

Yours most cordially,

President