## November 6th, 1919

Hon. Frank G. Howland Barre Vermont

My dear Senator:-

The Chairman of our Ratification Press work has asked me several times if she might use the material concerning the formation of your legislative committee and your intention to call upom the Governor. Each time I have put her off and advised her not to make those facts public until I have your permission to do so. It has occurred to me that perhaps you do not agree with me on this point and so I am writing this to ask if you will be so good as to let me know your opinion in the matter.

There is a strange misunderstanding among some of the legislature as to the powers which will be given the women of Vermont when the Federal Amendment is ratified by the sufficient number of states----the last remark has come from one of the more or less prominent ex-Governors of the state --- to the effect that even if we ratify, the women of Vermont will not be able to vote for State Officers etc., until we adopt an amendment to that effect in 1923! making arrangements to have the text of amendment together with extracts from U.S. Constitution regarding same published as widely as possible --- perhaps we shall then meet with more enthusiasm. The petition is rolling up but much more slowly than I could wixh--- I find it almost impossible to find the men at home when I call, although when I do find them they always sign, and the appeals by mail are not responded to with much haste. Perhaps the effect would be just as good if you were to take the names I now have without waiting to get the full majority. Please advise me how you feel about this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

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