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Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
601 Title Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir :

In behalf of countless Maryland women who will resent having additional burdens and responsibilities thrust upon them, we urge that you oppose the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The noisy element which is advocating Women Suffrage is in reality a small minority which disregards the great fundamental truth that the family is the real foundation of society and that it is not by duplication of effort but by co-operation that men and women make real progress.

We also wish to protest, as tax payers, against the greatly increased cost to the state of double suffrage. Giving women the vote has cost Illinois \$500,000 at each election, and in New York it cost \$2,000,000. Then, too, we feel that these serious times it will be a real menace to our Democracy to enfranchise a large class of indifferent voters who, on account of their aloofness from political life can be influenced by the unscrupulous. You have only to investigate Woman Suffrage in the states which have it to be convinced that we will gain nothing and lose much in taking this radical step.

In the hope that you will stand with those of us whose only desire is for our country's good, I am,

Very truly yours

Cornelia A. Gibbs

President.