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To the officers and members of the *Woman Suffrage Association of Utah*:

My Dear Friends--I am delighted that you are now to be in the Union of States, as you have been for many years in the union of the dear old National Woman Suffrage Association! On behalf of the forty-three states and the District of Columbia that compose our union, I congratulate you not only because Utah is to be a state, but because I hope and trust that her men, in Constitutional Convention assembled, will, like the noble men of Wyoming, ordain political equality to her women. And I am sure that you, my dear sisters, who have not only tasted the sweets of liberty, but also the bitterness, the humiliation of the loss of the blessed symbol, will not allow the organic law of your state to be framed on the barbarism that makes women the political slaves of men.



the time to establish justice and equality to all the people. That adjective "male" once admitted into your organic law, will remain there. Don't be cajoled into believing otherwise! Look how the women of New York have toiled and toiled over forty years to get "male" out of our constitution. Fifty thousand petitions and appeals poured into the constitutional convention of 1867, and we were sent away empty-handed; and now over half a million of the men and women of the state have prayed this constitutional convention and its suffrage committee reports 13 to 4 against granting our prayer. And we can hardly expect the 170 members to do much better than the seventeen appointed by their president to consider and report upon the question.

No, no! Don't be deluded by any specious reasoning, but demand justice now. Once ignored in your constitution--you'll be as powerless to secure recognition as are we in the older states. And more, the men of your convention should not allow the question to be separately voted upon, either. But the suffrage clause should read, "Every citizen of the age of 21," etc. I do feel very, very anxious lest the enemies of equal rights to women will be too powerful, but I shall hope that truth and justice will prevail and that Utah will present her state constitution with political equality to women established beyond the power of repeal.

I shall hardly be glad to have another state come into the union with women disfranchised. I do not forget that Colorado men did vote "male" out of their state constitution, but that is the first and only state, and I fear may continue to be, for in no other state is there likely to be such a favorable combination of incidents to help secure the good result. Even Kansas may be lost from lack of favorable conditions. The Republican state constitution going back on its party record and ignoring this amendment--that is saying that silence on the question was to be the plan of the party's fall campaign--estops the great educational work in one half of the political meetings of the state, in which lay my chief hope of carrying the amendment, or rather one half of my hope; for now it will be discussed only in the other half of the political meetings of both of the great parties of the state, as we had so earnestly hoped, yes expected.

But whatever comes to New York and Kansas in our mighty struggle this fall; I trust the women of Utah will never be compelled to go through such a powerful ordeal.

With best love to each and all of you--and best hope for your statehood--I am very sincerely yours,

Susan B. Anthony