To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled,

The undersigned Citizens of the United States, believing that under the present Federal Constitution all women who are citizens of the United States have the right to vote, pray your Honorable Body to enact a law during the present session that shall assist and protect them in the exercise of that right.

And they pray further that they may be permitted in person and in behalf of the thousands of other women who are petitioning Congress to the same effect to be heard upon this Memorial before the Senate and House of Assembly day in the present session.

We ask your Honorable Body to bear in mind that while men are seated on the floor of Congress and may be heard to be heard there, women who are allowed no vote and therefore no representation cannot truly be heard except as Congress shall open its doors to let in person.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Bella disturbi Hooker
Elizabeth S. Blaine
Cynthia Brown

Josephine Maguire

Hartford Conn. Dec. 1871.
Petition of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony and Others in Support of Women's Suffrage; Petition and Memorials, Resolutions of State Legislatures, and Related Documents which were Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary during the 42nd Congress, 1871 - 1873, Records of the U.S. Senate, National Archives