To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The Undersigned, Women of the United States above the age of eighteen years, earnestly pray that your Honorable Body will pass, at the earliest practicable day, an Act emancipating all persons of African descent held to involuntary service or labor in the United States.

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TO THE WOMEN OF THE REPUBLIC:

We ask you to sign and circulate this petition for the early abolition of slavery. We have now one hundred thousand signatures, but we want a million before Congress adjourns. Remember the President’s Proclamation reaches only the States of Rebels. The jails of LOYAL Kentucky are today “crammed” with Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama slaves, advertised to be sold for their jail fine “AMONG THE LAWS,” precisely as before the war!!! While slavery exists anywhere there can be freedom nowhere. There shall be a law abolishing slavery.

We have undertaken to rescue the Nation for freedom. Women, you cannot vote or fight for your country. Your only way to be a power in the Government is through the exercise of this, one, sacred, Constitutional “right or Petition,” and we ask you to use it now to the utmost. Go to the rich, the poor, the high, the low, the soldier, the civilian, the white, the black—gather up the names of all who hate slavery—all who love liberty, and would have it the law of the land—and lay them at the feet of Congress, your silent but potent vote for human freedom guarded by law.

You have shown true courage and self-sacrifice from the beginning of the war. You have been angels of mercy to our sick and dying soldiers in camp and hospital, and on the battle-field. But let it not be said that the women of the Republic, absorbed in ministering to the outward alone, saw not the philosophy of the resolution through which they passed; understood not the moral struggle that controlled the nation—the irrepressible conflict between liberty and slavery. Remember the angels of mercy and justice are twin sisters, and ever walk hand in hand. While you give yourselves so generously to the Sanitary and Freedmen’s Commissions, forget not to hold up the eternal principles on which our Republic rests. Slavery once abolished, our bowers, husbands, and sons will never again, for our sake, be called to die on the battle-field, starve in rebel prisons, or return to us crippled for life; but our country free from the one blot that has always marred its fair escutcheon, will be an example to all the world that “humanity, nay, the eggs of a nation,”

The God of Justice is with us, and our work, our work—our prayer for freedom—will not, cannot be in vain.

E. CADY STANTON,
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