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Woman Suffrage Party, Cleveland, Ohio, 1917-1918.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE PARTY
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
HEADQUARTERS: 1706 EUCLID AVENUE



CLEVELAND, OHIO
Oct. 26, 1917.

My dear Rabbi Silver;

The Plain Dealer is desirous of publishing a symposium by a group of prominent Cleveland men endorsing the Reynolds Bill, which the Ohio legislature passed last winter, granting presidential suffrage to Ohio women.

A referendum proven to be both fraudulent and corrupt and designed to take away this limited suffrage vote from women, is being submitted to the voters on Nov. 5th. We are anxious that this symposium shall be widely representative and we shall therefore greatly appreciate a short paragraph from you giving our measure your support. Please send it to me by Monday to 1706 Euclid Ave. for publication on the following Tuesday, Oct. 30th. I enclose herewith a list of the other men chosen and a piece of literature which will explain the referendum somewhat more in detail.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Bertha C. Shayer

Chairman of Press Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS 1706 EUCLID AVENUE

CLEVELAND, OHIO November 12, 1917.

Rabbi A H Silver
The Temple
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Rabbi Silver:-

The Woman Suffrage Party desires to express to you its appreciation of your answer to the letter asking for your endorsement of suffrage.

It helped us very much to be able to place before newspaper readers your condemnation of the referendum and your emphatic belief in the principle of woman suffrage.

Thanking you for your co-operation and support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Bertha C. Thayer
Publicity Chairman

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CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 25, 1918.

Mr A H Silver
Cleveland Ohio

My dear Mr. Silver:-

We realize your interest in
suffrage and your very kind support of the suffrage
cause in the past, so we are calling on you, as we
did last year, to help us.

As you doubtless know, at the November election there
is an amendment to the constitution to be voted on, which
has been initiated by the Home Rule Association. This
measure is an abuse of the spirit of the Initiative and
Referendum for the benefit of special interests, and we
believe it to be unconstitutional as well as unfair. I
am enclosing a leaflet explaining the bill.

Will you mail to me before Tuesday a statement of your
attitude toward this proposed amendment? If possible,
we hope to have a symposium in one of the newspapers,
of letters received from well known men and women in the
city in regard to the amendment.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertha C. Langer (Mrs H. S.)

Chairman on Publicity.

F. H. Goff.
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Charles E. Adams.
Rabbi Silver.
Thomas Farrell.
J. Wayne Hart.
Judge Geo. S. Adams.
" J. A. Hadden.
Mr. F. E. Spaulding.
John H. Orgill.
Thos. W. Fitzsimons.
R. H. Bishop, Jr.
Benj. S. Hubbell.
D. E. Morgan.
A. R. Hatton.
C. C. Arbuthnot
Malcolm L. McBride
Richard F. Grant
Robt. Crosser.
Mayo Fesler
Stephen Young
Carl D. Friebohn
W. A. Greenlund
Geo. Harris
Sidney Wilson
Peter Witt
Allen T. Burns
Homer H. Johnson
Dr. Paul Sutphen
Dr. Minot O. Simons.
Dr. Chas. F. Thwing.
Maj. C. F. Hoover.

October 28, 1918

Mrs. H. S. Thayer
The Woman Suffrage Party
1706 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Thayer:-

Enclosed please find my
opinion of the amendment which you
requested.

Sincerely yours,



To safeguard the effectiveness of the Referendum, the proposed amendment to the constitution of Ohio should be killed. It limits the referendum privilege. Only an amendment to the constitution of the United States which has been ratified by the Legislature may be submitted for the approval of the people but one which the Legislature refused to ratify may not be referred to the people. There is no doubt but what the motive prompting the advocacy of this amendment is a sinister one and it would be well for the citizens of Ohio to guard themselves against it.

