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Dear Miss Anthony,

I write to you regarding the right of women's suffrage under the U.S. Constitution, based on the 14th Amendment. Under the citizenship clause of the 14th Amendment, women have dual Federal and state citizenship, and, as federal citizens, have a right to vote for federal officers. This means that states can only limit suffrage for state officers. Nowhere in the Federal Constitution do states have the power to prevent a Federal citizen from voting. In fact, it is impossible for a republican form of government to exist where one-half of its citizens thereof are forever disenfranchised.

I greatly encourage you to exercise your constitutional right to vote in the upcoming Presidential election. If the election inspectors fail to register you and other women, I will sue them on your behalf for violating the U.S. Constitution.

Best Regards,  
Francis Minor

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