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OHIO WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION
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AN OPEN LETTER TO OHIO WOMEN

One hundred and nineteen men are sitting in Convention in Columbus. These men were elected to propose changes in the State Constitution which changes are to be submitted to the voters for ratification. Everybody knows the present Constitution, adopted in 1851, is not suited to present day conditions. Every thoughtful person likewise knows that there is no more unjust or absurd provision in the old constitution than the one which decrees that electoral privileges shall be confined to male citizens. Because they are not "electors" Ohio women may not serve as trustees of State institutions even of those maintained for the care of women and girls. The Constitutional Convention has it within its power to decide whether the voters of the State shall be given an opportunity to express themselves on these time-honored injustices. The freedom of the mothers of the race, is more vital, more important—to men as well as to women—than any other question which can come before the Constitutional Convention. A chance that we have waited for for twenty years is here. Let us take advantage of it! YOU CAN HELP. Write to me and I will tell you how.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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