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Hon. George Sutherland.  
 Associate Justice of the Supreme  
 Court of the United States.  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:-

Since the decision on the womens minimum wages there has been so much adverse criticism that I cannot help asking you for a copy of the decision. To me the decision seems alright. In fact I should have been very much surprised if you had written any other decision on that question.

The sexes having acquired legal equality any decision, that is handed down with reference to women will, so it seems to me apply equally to men. If the legislative body has the power to determine a minimum wage it seems to me to follow that it may determine a maximum wage. The equality of the sexes will thus make it possible to return to wages set by law as it was for centuries in Britain. Even if there were to be no power of but hunger to drive the men to work there would still be a kind of slavery; but the compulsion, I fear, would follow.

Those who have enjoyed freedom a long time cannot understand the real meaning of bondage, and are likely to hold out their hands for shackles. Hoping that you are in good health I am

Faithfully and respectfully yours

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