December 17, 1953

Honorable Lester C. Hunt
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lester:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Constitutional Status Amendment, S. J. Res. 101, which deals with the important problem of equal rights for women.

As you may know, during the Senate consideration of this issue — and this subject was one of the first which came before the Senate following my election in 1949 — I have been most anxious to make certain that the social and economic gains for women enacted by various state legislatures should be preserved. I feel that your Resolution does have the merit of simplicity, but I would not wish to commit myself to any legislation on this subject until I could be absolutely certain of its effect on existing state legislation for the protection of women.

In any case, I would certainly consider your Resolution very carefully were it to be reported to the Senate.

Yours very sincerely,