Honorable Herbert Lehman,
Executive Mansion,
Albany, New York.

My dear Governor Lehman:

It is with great pleasure that I transmit to you a report on the work which the National Child Labor Committee did this summer in Washington in obtaining child labor provisions in the codes under the National Recovery Act.

We are gratified at the tremendous progress that was made so swiftly in the course of a few weeks time. Almost overnight the age limit for children in factories, mines, stores, etc., has been raised from 14 to 16 years.

But we must take no chance about the permanence of these improvements. There must be no return to childhood exploitation when the codes expire in 1935. Having watched the course of the child labor fight over a long period of years, you will recall the keen disappointment after the federal child labor law was declared unconstitutional in 1920. There was a prompt increase in the number of child laborers and return to the old abuses.

I am therefore asking you now to allow us to use your name as one of a committee which stands for the ratification of the child labor amendment. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor, Frances Perkins, and a number of other people who are interested in the permanent welfare of the children have come out strongly for the amendment and I believe that the endorsement of a committee of prominent citizens would be very valuable and most timely.

We know how busy you are and will not attempt to draft your time for the work of the committee, but we do strongly desire your moral backing.

Very sincerely yours,

Adolph Lewisohn
Adolph Lewisohn - Chairman
Committee on Ratification of the Child Labor Amendment