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S i r ,

In case you are one of those who are supporting the KEATING-OWEN BILL to protect children who work, I apologize for writing you on the subject, for I cannot seem to believe that any men want to see the lives ground out of mere babies by hard labor. I was haunted for days by the horror of it when I first saw some of these children who work in the Cotton Mills, trying to play after hours. I say "trying to play" because they seemed hardly to have the strength to play; and people said, "Oh they are not so bad; you ought to see some of the others". As these little ones looked to me like corpses, I am glad to say I never saw "the others".

Surely the children's health is more important than additional luxuries for the stockholders.

Respectfully yours,

*Suzanne Heber*

*One woman who wants the ballot  
for the purpose of helping  
these helpless little ones!*



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*Pittsburgh, July 20/16*

Senator John W. Kern,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

If the Democratic Senators defy the overwhelming public sentiment for the passage of the Child Labor Bill at this Session, they will justify the well known reputation of the Democratic Party for making blunders and will suggest anew the appropriateness of the Donkey as the party emblem.

Democratic Leaders should know that the presidential contest will be exceedingly close, and a single mistake may turn the scale. President Wilson is not only stronger than his Party, but he is wiser than his Party, and if the Democratic Senators fail to heed his advice, they will invite the defeat of the Party and should be held responsible for it.

If a few southern Senators should be permitted to hold up the Child Labor Bill, it will be an example of asinine stupidity. It is up to you as the Democratic Leader of the Senate to throttle this scheme.

We are all independent voters, and we are disposed to think that the judgment herein expressed reflects the sentiments of thousands of other independent voters throughout the country.

Very respectfully,

*James W. Houston*  
*John D. Houston*  
*Sam'l V. Day*  
*Chas. B. Miller*  
*Jm S. Houston*

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SILURIA, ALA.,

March 20, 1916.

Hon. Joseph T. Robinson,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I notice that the Keating-Owen Child Labor Bill now pending before the U. S. Senate has been referred to a sub-committee of which you are ~~a member~~ I desire to enter a protest against the passing of this bill because I think it will be an injury instead of a benefit to the people in the Southern states who will be affected by it. The cotton mills of the South will be able to overcome the affect it may have on them, but the real sufferers will be the people who depend upon the cotton mills and other industries for a livelihood. My opinion is based on experience of 23 years in the cotton mills of the Carolinas and other southern states and I feel that I am in position and have studied the question sufficiently to know something of the condition of the people in the South and the affect thas bill will have on them.

My father put me to work in a cotton mill when I was 11 years of age because he found that to be the easiest way we could make a living for a large family, and the older I get the higher regard I have for his judgemnt in doing so. I feel that the laws we have in the different states are sufficient to protect the citizens of those states and think these matters should be left entirely with the states to handle themselves.

Hoping you will be able to prevent the passage of this bill, I am

Very truly yours,

MD/N

Marshall Dilling

Hon. E. D. Smith, U. S. Senator,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

We the undersigned operatives of the Cotton Mill of the Cherokee Falls Mfg. Co., Cherokee Falls, S. C. most earnestly protest against the passage of the Keating-Owens Child Labor Bill now before Congress, or any other bill of similar import, for the following reasons:

1st. It would bring hardship on a large number of people, such as widows and infirm parents who are wholly dependent on such labor for a living.

2nd. We have state laws in South Carolina that give us all the protection we need along this line.

We trust that you will see your way clear to do what you can to defeat this Bill. Your efforts in that direction we most humbly pray.

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