

President

February 23, 1965

Dr. Blanche H. Dow
President
American Association of University Women
2401 Virginia Avenue, N. W.
Washington 37, D. C.

Dear Dr. Dow,

Thank you for your letter of February 19th in support of an amendment to the Constitution relative to Presidential succession and disability.

I can assure you that I am in complete agreement with you that the Congress should take action on this important issue this session. As you know the Senate unanimously approved S.J.Res. 1 on Friday. I trust that the House will take prompt action.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ford:

The Board of Directors of the American Association of University Women, meeting on February 14, 1965, voted unanimous support for an amendment to the Constitution to assure continuity in the office of the Vice Presidency in the event of his succession to the Presidency, to provide procedures for determining Presidential inability to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and to determine the President's fitness to resume his duties.

The Association urges action in this session of Congress in order to assure the nation that the powers of the Presidency can be delegated to the Vice President during periods of even the most temporary disability.

The American Association of University Women is an organization of 164,000 members with over 1550 branches throughout the country. The action of the Association Board of Directors is being communicated to State Division and branch leaders with the request that the membership study and support proposals to strengthen the Constitution by spelling out the line of succession to the Presidency.

Very sincerely yours,

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