

The Connecticut Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, 1913. Grace Markham anti-suffrage correspondence, 1912-1916. MS 100682. Connecticut Historical Society.

THE CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION
OPPOSED TO WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Hartford, April 2, 1913.

Dear Sir:

Nine thousand women from all over the State have already organized to oppose Woman Suffrage and respectfully ask you not to force the ballot upon them against their will. They ask you to consider that:

The vast majority of Connecticut women are opposed to Woman Suffrage. Only about 4 per cent. are requesting it.

The vote means active politics, and women are physically and temperamentally unfitted for the stress and strain of political activity.

Women exert more influence for good as non-partisans, than they could possibly do if they had votes.

Women are already exempt from many of the burdens, while enjoying all of the benefits of citizenship. They are specially protected by law as to property, working hours, etc. They do not need the vote, **and they do not want it.**

We respectfully urge you **not** to give suffrage your endorsement, for that is what an affirmative vote would mean under the constitution. We feel that you, our representatives, are competent to decide this question here and now.

Very respectfully,

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