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Ozark Building,
Farmington, Missouri,
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Hon. Lloyd Stark
Governor of Missouri
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

As a mere "hewer of wood and carrier of water" in the ranks of Missouri democracy, I want to voice my approval of your record as Governor. I have in mind particularly your elimination of one O'Malley from the Insurance department — your stand with reference to the insurance litigation — old age pensions, and above all your refusal to be bossed by the Kansas City machine.

The grip of this machine, as you no doubt know, has been extended into practically every community of the state and until your advent as Governor, it was impossible for one wanting any kind of a state job to get it, unless he or she first went to Kansas City and got the endorsement of the machine. This condition was intolerable. But we must be entirely free of this organization, and unless our party can clean its own house and become free of this sinister influence, the decent element of the party will eventually kick over the party traces and join with other forces to destroy this machine politics.

Here's hoping that your fight for clean government and particularly for a Supreme Court entirely independent of the Pendergast machine, will be furious and successful.

Yours very truly,
C. P. Damron