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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark
Governor of Missouri,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Governor Stark:

I can not refrain from extending you my earnest support and encouragement in your present fight for good government in Missouri. The battle lines are plainly drawn. There are now two kinds of democrats in this state: Pendergast Democrats and Stark Democrats.

There is no question but what this is a battle of extermination. The Pendergast Machine will either "get you" and the things for which you have stood or you will demolish them with the backing of the real Democrats of Missouri.

I hope you will ask no quarter and that you will give none. I hope you will oust every Pendergast-approved appointee in the state against whom you can possibly place your foot.

The machine is already busy in northwest Missouri lining up the faithful. The responsibility of leadership in this battle which you have assumed is a terrific one and I am hoping that the rank and file of the party over the state will rally to your side.

Very sincerely yours,

R. F. Patterson