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Governor Loyd C. Stark
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Dear Governor Stark:

I am writing you this to commend your course in opposing the control of our courts by the corrupt elements in our party headed by the Pendergast machine in Kansas City. That element is now arrogantly assuming to control also the state administration and it is certainly a hopeful sign that you as the head of that administration refuse to bow to the dictates of an origination that means to either rule or ruin. But it is no longer a debatable question that the Pendergast machine is the most baneful influence that has ever figured in American politics, not excepting the old "Tweed Ring" in New York, whose political corruption became a national disgrace. And there is one thing sure, in event the Democrat party in this state does not break the Pendergast hold on it, this state will go back to Republican Control. The time to break it is now, while that crowd are under such great odium through the vote grand prosecutions. It is my belief the better element of voters will rally around you and aid you to re-elect Judge Douglas to the Supreme Court and other candidates who are not under the Pendergast domination. You will no doubt recall that I wrote you some time ago in reference to our local situation calling attention that one of the applicant for the appointment as treasurer of this county was bound up with a ring here that is about on a par with Pendergast, and I also cited you to the records in the state Auditors office to verify my charge. I noted that you declined to appoint that individual which I took to be additional evidence of my statement then that I knew you stood for clean, honest government

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and that you were and would carry it out in your administration. Now I beg to assure you of my earnest support of Judge Douglas and all other candidates opposed by that gang of political corruptionists.

Yours truly,
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