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Hon. Lloyd C. Stark,

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Dear Governor:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your stand for RIGHT in the State of Mo., and will say if there is a thing I can do to help I am at your service, as you are trying to do what has been neglected until honest elections are almost a thing of the past.

I have never been for a Pendergast backed Candidate yet if I knew it, not even you, but I am 100% behind you now, to bring Missouri out of election scandals, caused I think mostly by the organization in Kansas City, as they have an organization in every County, and it has caused Republicans to be elected in our County in 1934, also the gang as we call them was beaten in 1936.

You made one appointment here for Treasurer that I am sure you wouldn't have made had you known the situation, or if the other party had above his side of the case, as he received the highest committee vote for the place but the Chairman and his gang of course wasn't for him, but for the one that was appointed.

When you were running for Gov. you wrote me what I thought about your candidacy, and I told you the truth, that if there were a line-up with Pendergast forces it would be bad, and of course it was for you, as Hirth carried the County, not because they didn't like you, but was afraid and now the fellows that were for you then or for Billings is the way I hear it and you are no good, but that is not the case with majority I don't believe, as I think most of them are behind you on this wore to rid the State of the rascals in elections, and I don't care if you fire ever Pendergast endorsed in the State, as he sure give me a roll through Truman and Murray, two of as unfair, mothpieces of Pendergast as there is, as I was appointed by Wade through Sen. Clark's endorsement, and the Pendergast gang got busy here, and took it up with Truman and Murray and bad Murray to not O. K. appointment, after Wade had had me get my help and notified all of us to ha reedy to work. They even went so far as to forge one letter and of course I think more, but I absolutely caught then at that and ask Murray to let me show my side of the question, as they were accusing me of being a Republican which I didn't deny in two cases that election as we wanted to contest a primary, and they hired lawyers to keep us from it and did, end we beat them with 2 Republicans, I don't know

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whether it was an unpardonable sin or not, but 3/4 of Democrats done it, and the gang that got beat had done it years before ever to voting for Hoover.

I don't like Sen. Clark's Pendergast deal but he knows I was strong for him before and have always been for St. Louis boys, and would have been for you only for reason I gave, but I am certainly for Judge Douglas or for anyone that is against that K. C. Bunch that I think is a disgrace to the Democratic Party, and I hope that fellow Murray is fired as I could give the papers a pretty good story about him in my case and I would swear to it, and Wade is another fellow that hasn't no marrow in his make up.

Now I suppose you will think I am just a disgruntled fellow that lost his job, I will say it was the best thing that ever happened to me as I have made a good deal more money,

in private business than I would at that, but it was the principle of the thing, and knowing who done it, and after I had it too, as it was given to young Lindley a Truman man, and later taken away from him and given to R. A. Young who has it now, but he was no Clark supporter and they were to be given to Clark men in his district, but the way it stands now his enemies all have the jobs, and he don't say a word about it.

Well let me again congratulate you on your stand for right and an ready and willing to help anyway I can, as I am strong for Douglas naturally according to the territory, I would be for Billings, if he had the right kind of background, but he was sent here in 1934 to tell us folks to stay with the ticket for Gordon Dorris and Waldo Taylor for Collector but they didn't pay any attention, neither do I think they will pay any attention to them now then they want people to support him, as they know where they stand now and then too.

I wrote Harry Hopkins, Murray, Truman, Clark and old Pendergast himself, and told him I knew how it was done, but no action, saw Truman in St. Louis in 1936 and talked with just a minute or so and he asked me to write him full details of it and he would see what could be done about it but I told him he couldn't give me the job, but I wanted him to know the facts, but no answer, and him a mason the same as myself.

Well I hope you won't think me too bad to but in, but I want you to know I appreciate you as a Governor, as it looks to me like you are about the only State Officer we have that is not afraid to tell where you stand, and so far as I can see the only one that I would support hereafter, as what is the use of electing men and having them hold up their hands to support the constitution and administer justice when we know old Tom is going to do it the way he wants to, no use to have any elections.

Well I am sure you will tire of ranting this but got started and couldn't quit, hoping we beat them and we can help do the right thing from hereon out, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed Walker C. Johnson Alton, Mo.