

From Harry H. Watts to Governor Lloyd C. Stark

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Dear Gov. Stark,

I wonder if you can appreciate the high standing in which the people – the right kind – here hold you. I hear it every day, & they look upon you as the one to protect them.

I was in the teas room at Emery Bird's today for lunch & at the big round table the men were praising you, & talking about your reputation, & the background of your family, too good to throw away to favor some gangsters.

It is being quietly raised around that there will be some judges knocked out the first thing elections moving before anything can be done.

This gang is so desperate, that it will stop at nothing to keep in power. Its ruining our fine city. I only hope that you place some militia men in these precincts as soon as the polls open or

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It may be too late.

This city is just sitting on dynamite. I hope that it can be impressed upon the people that their vote will be secret, as thousands are afraid of the consequences.

I don't want to appear as an alarmist but hope every means will be given for an honest election.

Don't let them take you to Washington to get you away from here. We need you more than the Government does.

Most Sincerely

Harry H. Watts