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Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 14th inst. and indeed regret to learn, that, as an effect of Hunger-striking, your sister is being forcibly fed by the Authorities. No one can possibly like the idea of a woman being forcibly fed, and if I may be allowed to make a suggestion, I would urge that you should see your sister yourself and beg her not to go on Hunger-strike. The very fact of her having gone to prison, is, I should have thought a sufficient reason to shew her conscientious belief in the objects which she has in view as the result of woman suffrage. Might I also suggest that you get your Member, Mr John Burns, who is a member of the Cabinet, to speak to the Home Secretary, as his appeal, would, I am sure, have greater weight than any I could make. I will endeavour to take an opportunity of seeing the Home Secretary on the subject if possible, with the object of getting some relief for your sister.

Yours faithfully,

*G. A. Coates*