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Dear Miss Strachey

Keen as I am on the Suffrage question, my attitude at the present moment is this: I would like such Suffragists as myself to be taken as saying to the Government "if you possibly can, put a Suffrage Bill in your next programme (making it part of a general extension of the franchise if you like,): but if you can't, ^{a vote would} we must still support you in this election against the House of Lords, for that is in our opinion, (it is in mine,) as great a bar to Woman's Suffrage as the most reactionary representative Government can be, and one of the first steps towards enfranchisement of any sort must be its defeat? In other words I don't feel I can do or say anything calculated to jeopardise one vote in this coming election.

Very sincerely yours.

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