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TO: Officers and District Representatives of Alabama Democratic Conference
FROM: Chairman of Women's Activities Committee

At the meeting of the Conference in Birmingham on January 19th I proposed a project concerning the payment of poll taxes, due before February 1, 1964. I am sure that your group and other organizations are encouraging registered voters and those who plan to register to pay their poll taxes. However, there are many people who can not afford the cost at this time.

We in Huntsville have received donations and loans for a poll tax fund. Through church and radio announcements we have asked people who can not pay to call in their names, addresses and phone numbers. As you may know it is legal for any person to pay poll taxes directly to the tax collector for any other person. If you get co-operation, you can take the money and separate alphabetical lists of registered voters and potential voters to the tax collector.

These taxes will be paid with the understanding that the voters will return the money when they can. Poll tax receipts can be retained until payment.

I realize that time is very short and you may not be able to raise such a fund. As an alternate plan you can collect money at a central location from those who do not have time to go to the tax office and return the receipts to the voters.

IMPORTANT: All district representatives please send to me immediately the name and address of at least one woman in your district, or in each major town, who will work with the Women's Activities Committee.
Thank you.

Yours truly,

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