

To The Honorable the Common Council
of the City of Yonkers:

The President & Vice Presidents of the
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
of this City – do petition your honorable
body as follows –

That, in confirming
the nomination of the third member
of the Excise Board, you will act
with the utmost care, as in the
presence of God, awake to the fact,
that results of the greatest magnitude
grow out of this action.

They thus petition because this Board,
when appointed, will carry in its hand
the welfare of all our citizens, and in a
peculiar and cruel degree the welfare
of women.

And because they are fearful
unless they so petition, both the
christian and temperance portion
of the community will not be therein
represented; an omission that will
seem to them both unjust and unwise.
They therefore ask that this part of the
community be represented by a

man of high conscientiousness,
untrammelled by the need of
business favors, to the end that
the Excise law be enforced according
to its spirit, and that traffic
in liquors be not legalized
as a common business. And
they furthermore presume to add,
as another motive for carefulness,
that while they think [inserted: it may] be their sons who,
in the next decade, will be breaking
mother's hearts, it may be your
daughters who will be within their
graves, dead of broken hearts;
broken by the liquor traffic,
made stronger by this decision.

Suffer them to assure you,
most honorable gentlemen, that
hundreds of prayers, touching this
question, bring you under the im-
mediate consideration of our God,
who is faithful to the cry of the weak.
Therefore, in behalf of the households
of this City whose slain are already
so many, and most emphatically
in behalf of women, do they submit
to you this petition, asking you to
choose for them life and not death.

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