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Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes,
Supreme Court of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Chief Justice:

I am enclosing a copy of Resolutions unanimously adopted yesterday by the Board of Directors of the Constitutional Democracy Association. By today's _____ I have requested the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, an opportunity for this _____ ciation and its subsidiary, the Society of Friends of the Constitution, to plead against the pending Bill authorizing the increase of the number of justices of the Supreme Court under certain conditions. We are suggesting other organizations to make similar requests.

It is not necessary to mention the far reaching importance of the present as it is in affecting our organic laws, our institutions, and the future of Constitutional democracy in this country and in the world.

We propose to fight this Bill in Committee, on the floor of both houses and then fight the confirmation of every member of the Supreme Court appointed under the authority of this Bill if it is enacted. We propose also to fight all measures introduced in Congress that we believe would be found unconstitutional today.

In making a close, hard, determined, organized fight, our analysis shows the fight will be materially stronger if all members of the Supreme Court refuse absolutely to retire under fire whether by resignation or by retirement under a new authority of law.

We do not expect you to acknowledge this letter other than an assurance by your secretary that it was duly received and has come to your attention.

With great respects and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Richmond P. Hobson
President