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Darien, Conn.

May 1st, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

This letter may be some what out of order to what you usually get, for I am only a housekeeper there for in another class to that in which you move, but for years I have read your articles in the daily papers & thru them I have often felt that you have a very good understanding of the common people's problems & am taking the liberty to write to you about a matter that is often in my thoughts.

My husband & I lived on a farm & done that work for 33 yrs. He died in '13. Our work was often hard & of course underpaid. My husband was a native of Wisc; & always as a rule voted the Republican ticket but after Mr. Roosevelt was in office a little while & we saw what a Capable leader he was &

So much he had the plain  
people's interest at heart we be-  
came his ardent admirers  
& remained so as long as my  
husband lived & I shall be as long  
as I live. Last Hebraum when  
so much (I justly so) was being  
said about Washington's & Lincoln's  
birthdays, I thought how fitting it  
would be to celebrate Mr. Roosevelt's  
birthday too for after all he truly  
was the father of a new era & de-  
serves to live in the memory of  
Americas if any great man does.

You know many of the poor  
people who loved him cannot  
visit Hyde Park but could cele-  
brate his birthday. I wrote  
to President Truman about it  
& some one sent a nice reply  
saying the President didn't have  
the power to set aside a day for that,  
but I should write (I think) to the  
Assemblyman from my district.  
Well my health is poor & I can't go  
even a short distance from the  
house & be able to hold my job  
so I can't look into the matter.

personally but will appreciate  
it very much if you will  
introduce the subject in any  
behalf to the right party so that  
in ~~any~~ time the people will have  
the opportunity to fully appreciate  
& praise the one man who done  
so much for America.

Sincerely

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