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To me, voting is not just a right. It is a privilege and a responsibility. Individually, we are just one vote. Collectively, we chart the course and shape the future of our nation. The outcome of an election in our society represents the collective voice of the people – all people. If you choose not to vote, then you forfeit the right to criticize the outcome. It took me years to truly understand the weight of this responsibility and appreciate the opportunities made possible today due to the courageous women and men of the past.

Those who rallied and formed the women's suffrage movement in the 1800s did not live to see their goal achieved. As a woman in America, I am tasked with continuing the work of those in the past with the same persistence and determination, knowing the results of my work today and the benefits of the causes I champion will be seen and felt by those I will never meet.

Sojourner Truth, American advocate for abolition, temperance, and civil and women's rights in the nineteenth century said, *"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these together ought to be able to turn it right side up again."*

With today's challenges, one may wonder how we can turn this world right side up again. The answer is clear: Together. Commit to starting this today by exercising your right to vote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly M. Fraker'.

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