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United States Senator J. H. Bankhead,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I notice in the newspapers some opposition to the Chamberlain Universal Training Bill which is now pending in the Congress of the United States.

I am writing to urge you to support this bill. It is my opinion that it is the only way to raise an army quickly. If we wait for volunteers we would commit the same awful blunder which England did at the beginning of this war, resulting in the unnecessary killing of hundreds of thousands of young soldiers on account of being forced to send them into battle before they are properly trained.

We should certainly profit by the experience of others and adopt such means as will furnish us at once an adequate army so that we may have time to train our soldiers before we are forced to send them into battle.

It is foolish to think we can raise a large army quickly by calling for volunteers. This subject has been worked out by experts, and we should certainly follow their guidance in a crisis like the present, and not assume the responsibility of delaying the organization of our army, which will no doubt result in the unnecessary killing of many thousand young men.

Yours very truly,

*H. Milner*



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