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Hon^{ble} Ab^l Lincoln
Springfield Ill

Dear Sir



I have watched the progress of your late political canvass, in the Prairie State, with great interest & hoped, (I though against hope,) that the party, whose leader for the time you have been, might triumph. It was too much to expect, though not too much to hope for. Had you been successful in the ^{contest}, I should not have written you, but as the reports indicate the contrary, I wish to thank you, as a man & as a Republican of the type of Franklin Sherman & Jefferson, for your advocacy of the rights of man, as understood by those pages. Your opening remarks at Springfield, interested me much, being in harmony with my own views of the subject, the correctness of which, time will disclose.

As it is an attribute of Providence to help the weak & defenceless, let this encourage you, and every one, in future endeavors to extend the blessings of Liberty, until equal rights & franchises may be enjoyed by all, in our beloved Country.

Respectfully Yours

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