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May 24, 1948.

Hon. Walter Norblad,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Norblad:--

Last Friday's primary certainly showed what the Republicans of this district think of you. That vote of confidence must have done you a lot of good.

Your election, as your nomination, is a foregone conclusion, so you will be "in there pitching" for a considerable time for a certainty.

I am much interested in a good many of the things that you will be facing, overseas relief, poll tax, fair employment practices, and others. But none of them, to my mind, is anywhere nearly as important as the problem of universal compulsory military training and peace time conscription.

Does it not seem to you increasingly evident that the military have failed to make their case for either of these? Is it not evident that if they would make the proper reforms in the military organization and then make an honest effort to secure volunteers, they could keep military personnel up as high as even they desire it? To me peace time conscription and universal compulsory military training would be adopting the very evils that we fought against in the recent war.

I hope you will take the attitude that unless and until the system of voluntary enlistment has been given a thorough trial neither peace time conscription nor compulsory military training can have your support. I do not believe that Americans are going to take kindly to the heavy extra burden of taxation for things that it is becoming increasingly evident are unnecessary.

Sincerely yours,

Levi T. Pennington.