Senator Wilson

Dear Sir

I trust you will be so kind as to pardon the trespass I may commit upon your valuable time, when I assure you that no more personal consideration could have induced it. You are one stranger to the anxiety in which most of my time is spent; and as often as I watch the efforts of brave men go out amid the thunder and carnage of battle you will not think it strange that any recommendation or movement which has for its object the alleviation of the terrible suffering at the battle field should attract all my attention, and call forth my pleasantest earnest & humane feeble,

I have read with deep interest the late discussion ~~of the and passage of Bills by the House of Reps~~ in the House upon the organization of an hospital and Ambulance Corps. designed to supersede the partial and imperfect system now in operation. I need not speak of its merits in detail, ~~they are already before you~~ and its proposed advantages over the present system; they are clearly

before you ~~[illegible] have presented~~ by able minds. ~~evidently weighed with~~ in a manner too masterly ~~and too~~ clear to leave room for one dull sentence of mine — And yet with the memories still fresh of all I have witnessed, with impressions written in the blood of dying martyrs all over my heart and brain, [illegible] seem to be erased