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Dear Mr. President:

It is with unqualified support that we greet the joint decision of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States to open the Second Front against Hitler. It is only through such unified efforts of all the democracy loving peoples that Hitlerism can be destroyed. Your leadership in bringing the great resources of the American nation into this alliance signalizes for us the successful prosecution of the war.

However, we believe that time is of the essence and the greatest security for all Americans lies in the immediate opening of that Second Front. The hesitations and hollow warnings of the appeasers to delay this action can only aid our enemies and result in the unnecessary loss of millions of lives.

Teachers are concerned with the security, mental and physical, of the children with whose care they are entrusted. There is no demand which we are not ready to fulfill for the war effort. This is the way to a speedy and victorious end of this war which will return to these children the normal happy pursuits of childhood to which they are entitled.

Hitler can be stopped in 1942. Your boldness and foresight give us the leadership so necessary in these trying times. It is with admiration and sincere confidence in your ability to guide us through to victory, Mr. President, that we urge you to open up the Western Front now. We are behind you.

Very respectfully,

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