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Petition

OF

National League for Woman's Service
to continue the internment of
diseased women.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

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would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR WOMAN'S SERVICE

"FOR GOD - FOR COUNTRY - FOR HOME"

WASHINGTON STATE HEADQUARTERS:

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CLUB

SEATTLE

MRS. WINFIELD R. SMITH; SEATTLE
STATE CHAIRMAN

August 23, 1918.

Hon. City Council,
Seattle.

Gentlemen:-

The National League for Woman's Service in the city of Seattle would respectfully but earnestly ask that the council take such steps as may be needful to continue to hold for the period of the war the women from the red light district who are now interned. To turn these women loose would be, we believe, a single misfortune. At present soldiers and sailors from this entire section are given free run of the city of Seattle, and thousands frequently spend every week end here. The present social conditions, while not as good as any of us would like, are on the whole very encouraging. Our work brings us in unusually close contact with the enlisted men and our organization knows intimately whereof it speaks. If these women are allowed to go free again to follow their occupation the bad results would be so far reaching that all thinking women in the community would condemn the action.

It may be well that the women should be removed into some place where they can have occupation and greater freedom, but we respectfully beg the council to continue the internment of these women.

Respectfully submitted,

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR WOMAN'S SERVICE.

By

Russ W. Smith

State Chairman.

Emma L. Gowney

City Chairman.