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Dear Journal,

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Today is a massive stepping stone in my life. All throughout my life, I have been taught the rights and wrongs of life, and I am almost positive this could be considered as a wrong. But not in my eyes. No matter the places I have been, from Massachusetts to New York, my family and I have always wanted to help. Helping is a part of my nature and where I come from.

I have been surrounded by people who want to help my whole life such as my loving mother and father, great friends of mine, and my colleagues like Elizabeth Cady Stanton. With the support from these people, I have tried to make the world a better place. My family and I worked to end slavery and we were also a part of the temperance movement. Coming from this background of hard workers, I worked on doing the amazing and the well-deserved. I have been fighting for women to get the same rights as men, but I don't think anyone is hearing me because not many males have the same thoughts. Because I was denied the chance to speak at a temperance convention due to my gender, I began fighting for the rights of women. I started to realize that women would never be taken seriously in politics unless they had equal voting rights. In 1848, a group of women held the first Woman's Rights Convention in the United States, and it started the suffrage movement, or the right to vote. My mother and sister went, but I chose not to attend. Soon after this, I met one of my closest friends, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Together we worked for over fifty years to fight for women's rights. At times, while Elizabeth and I were traveling around the country giving speeches demanding that women should be given the right to vote, we risked being arrested for sharing our ideas to the public, or simply just trying to get our voices heard. Elizabeth and I co-founded the American Equal Rights Association, and later in

1868, we became editors for its newspaper which helped us spread the ideas of women's rights and equality. But later, two amendments passed which gave the rights for only African American men to vote, and we were enraged. It wasn't fair to do all this fighting and still get the same response from the public. In 1872, I was arrested for voting and fined 100 dollars which I did not pay. I have been working my whole life to get this right for women, and I will continue to fight until I make an impact, because I believe I can make the world a better place.

Susan B. Anthony

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