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Honorable Ivan H. Allen, Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta City Hall  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

Congratulations for a hard job well done. I heartily agree with you.

However, I deplore the need for the Civil Rights Law, but when many still so completely cherish the past, I guess the present has to be spelled out.

One would think that history would be enough:

1. "Taxation without representation is tyranny."  
By James Otis
2. The Boston Tea Party.
3. The American Revolution.
4. The words of Patrick Henry, "I am an American Citizen not a Virginian."
5. The Constitution.
6. The Civil War.
7. The Emancipation Proclamation.
8. The words of Robert E. Lee, "Madam, recollect that we form one country now. Abandon all local animosities and make your sons Americans."
9. The 14th Amendment.
10. The Supreme Court ruling.

But, as you say, we must spell it out by law, and

The fact that the law is far more stringent than volunteer action would have dictated is just too bad.

Again, congratulations, and perhaps some day we will be able to better approach the doctrine of the Golden Rule and our own National Oath.

Sincerely,



Lion G. Mason

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