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The Honorable Ivan Allen Jr
Mayor of The City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta Georgia

My dear Mr Mayor

I was indeed shocked and surprised to hear a telecast of your recent testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee in Washington. I assume this was your formal announcement to the people of Atlanta that you do not intend to seek re-election to the office of Mayor.

I was, to this point, pleased that I had actively supported and voted for you in your election to this office. I felt then and feel now that the City of Atlanta must take a realistic approach to all problems--and at this time, particularly to segregation. There are moderates and there are extremists--extremists in both directions. I do not feel that our City has room for an extremist--regardless of his direction.

For you to go before a national television audience and give the impression that the City of Atlanta supports the very socialistic ideas put forth by the subject legislation is absolutely ridiculous. You are expressing a personal viewpoint and one that I feel must be personally inclined. You could not have the interest of the people as a whole at heart.

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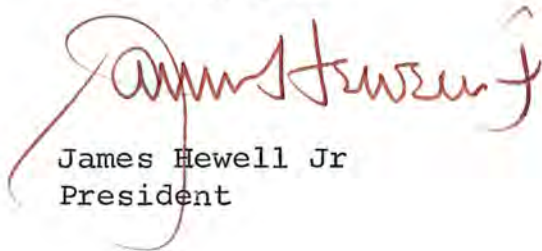
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We are a small locally-owned business that attempts to run all of its affairs in an orderly and equitable fashion. We would resent government intervention of the nature which you are supporting if for no other reason than pride. But pride alone is not the subject at hand. Where does socialism stop?

I do not mean to be disrespectful in my expressions of opinion. I am thinking these things and I am talking these things. I see no reason why I should not write them and direct them to the person about which I am thinking and talking. I wholeheartedly disagree with you and I am confident that far more than the majority of the citizens of Atlanta do not agree with you. I do not feel that the "block" alone can elect the Mayor of Atlanta.

Sincerely yours



James Hewell Jr
President

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