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reply

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Mr. Mayor,

I am but a Senior in College but my wife is the daughter of a striking fire department Sergeant. I may be just ignorant to the situation or perhaps sound prejudice but don't you and I both know that something could be done to the situation? I understand that there was a sum of \$300,000 that belonged to the fire department that was used on your new city auditorium. I know you were able to talk the city of Atlanta into building the stadium at a cost of \$18 million. Now don't you think you could bear a little loss of pride and help these men out.

I am a ministerial student at Shafter College and my father in law ^{was} ~~is~~ one of the best firemen that was on the force. I think that the best characteristic of him was that he was a Christian. Now I may be wrong but I think you could do something for men like these that do love their jobs and you know it. They are dedicated to their duty and you know that even though you do say the things you do about

them. We both know also that you have not given in only because you don't want to be won over. I would say you must not know what Christianity means or you would help these men. I believe you put your mighty position before our God. I have always been told that politics are dirty. Let's not you and I make it so. I believe you know what I mean.

Sure, you say that these men are neglecting their duty to the people of Atlanta. Don't you think Atlanta and you are neglecting to your duty to these men? These men risk their lives for you and your family each day; as a Christian would you not say that they need more consideration. Their families do not know if they will see their men again or not, this to me demands consideration.

I believe with all my heart that you are just enjoying all the publicity you can get for the glory of yourself and not of the Almighty God. All businesses should be run for God first then for the good of the people. Would you not agree?

I realize that you may never look at

this letter and even if you do you may say
my voice or what I have to say does not have
any place in what is done for our city. I have
always felt that as Abe Lincoln said the
gov't is of, by, and for the people. But
I believe that you have shown that your
gov't is of, by and for Mayor Allen and
his glory seat. I hope this may not be
the case but if it is I hope it changes.

I prayerfully thank you for your time
and want you to know I am praying for
you. I hope you to will pray for the
situation.

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