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ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

August 5, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

The stand you took in your testimony before the Senate Committee entitles you to the respect and admiration of all right-thinking and open-minded citizens in Atlanta and throughout the country. Not only did you take the right stand but your testimony was given with sincerity and showed that you had given a great deal of thought to this matter.

I am a Southern, white citizen with two college degrees. I am not a radical, but I do appreciate the leadership of people like you who have the courage to stand for what is morally right. For a century we have relegated our Negro citizens to a position of second-class or third-class citizens and there is no moral, religious or logical reason for doing so.

I am proud of the way that Atlanta has handled the racial problem so far, and certainly do admire you for your courage and integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neal Penick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Neal Penick