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Dear Mr. Mayor:

This is a fan letter.

I have just read the newspaper account of your speech to the Senate Committee, and I just have to write and tell you how proud I was and am that you are our Mayor.

That speech was one of the greatest appeals to reason that I have ever read. I am sure that many of Atlanta's citizens feel the same way. Right now we need all the foresight and reason we can get to deal with things as they are, so we are lucky to have you in the Mayor's office.

I admit that when I first learned that you were the next elected Mayor, my first feeling was relief that it wasn't going to be Lester Maddox. I was deathly afraid he was going to be elected, and having known him and his views for many years, I saw citizens of Atlanta shooting at each other in the streets.

Since you have been our Mayor I have been more and more impressed with what I can only call your plain good sense. You have more courage than I have. I have hated segregation all my life, but have said nothing that would call down criticism and unpleasantness on myself. I know this is moral cowardice, and confess it, but I just like to get along with people.

I saw you on television, and hearing you in the Committee room and knowing the whole country was hearing you, I swelled with pride fit to burst. That row between Senator Pastore and Senator Thurmond tickled me to death.

I am just a city Clerk-Typist at the Water Works, but I wanted you to know that I am one white citizen that feels as you do.

I'm proud of you Mr. Mayor. I mean it.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Mildred Callahan
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