

Bessemer City, N. C.
July 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

May I add my congratulations to you for your public support of President Kennedy's Public Accommodations Law of the Civil Rights Bill. It was a brave and good thing that you did.

I cannot understand the scoffing + bitterness of Senators Russell, Thurmond, et cetera when such a serious circumstance must be settled. What do they hope to accomplish?

They have tried to settle the question at local levels. The Governors of states have tried and been unable to meet the demands.

The answer surely must come from the federal government who can marshal the right amount of force necessary to enact a law & see that it is carried out. The governors of the state should not have to shoulder this great burden and be the scapegoat for those you want always to blame someone.

I hope for the good of all the people

of this country that this bill in its entirety will pass and at long last the negro will be given a decent place in society. It is long overdue. All my life I have pondered the injustices dealt them by the white man.

It has been a long time since I have had the privilege and pleasure of hearing the brave declaration in this I believe, & here I stand, so help me God.

And of course those words were not literally in context but in essence.

Please pardon the length, I had not intended to write so much & so confusedly.

Again, my personal thanks for your stand and May the Good Lord Bless you in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,
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