

GEORGIA ART SUPPLY COMPANY, INC.

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

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KEN E. EDWARDS, JR.
PRESIDENT

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I would be remiss in my duty and responsibility as a lifelong citizen of Atlanta if I did not tell you how utterly distasteful your stand on the Civil Rights Bill before the Senate Commerce Committee was to the average white Atlanta citizen.

You certainly are paying for the negro block vote that put you into office. It is disappointing that a man of your intelligence would stand up before such a committee and state that you condone allowing Federal force to deprive the private property owners of our land of the right to decide how they may use their property.

Surely, after being the segregationist that you were some years back, you could not in your heart believe what you have said in your testimony unless it be for the payment of a political debt. We must stand for the constitutional rights that are ours under the Constitution of the United States. Those in top offices, such as you, should stand for the enforcement of our Constitution and see that the meaning and intent of it is carried out until it is officially and properly amended or changed.

Sincerely yours,



Ken E. Edwards, Jr.

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