

Abilene, Texas
September 30, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen
Mayor, City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am a Georgia girl now living with my family in Texas. I have been very proud of my home state in its attitudes toward progress particularly in the racial situation as it exists in our country.

Now, I am disappointed. But I want you to know that in spite of the sick feeling I have over the choice of Lester Maddox as a Democratic nominee for governor of Georgia, I appreciate so much your statement which I heard on TV. And I also appreciate your position and attitude during and after recent racial tension and strife in Atlanta.

Although I agree with you that the seal of the state proclaiming wisdom, justice and moderation has been tarnished, I am proud to know that some Georgians...and I refer to you and those like you...still know the meaning of these words.

Very sincerely,
Beth Murray Walker
Mrs. Marshall Walker