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Mr. Ivan Allen
Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

During my husband's tour of duty in the Army, we were stationed in Augusta, Georgia and Fort Monroe, Virginia.

As a resident of New York City all my life (24 years) I knew there was ugly prejudice between men, but, at least our laws and public conscience were against it.

After two years in the South, I

was disgusted that all laws and the public attitude condoned, perpetuated, and made prejudice mandatory.

I began to hate everything about the south with the exception of a few nice people I met until I heard the distinguished Mayor Allen from Atlanta, Georgia speak before the Senate Commerce Committee about the President's bill concerning discrimination in public accommodations.

As long as there are Americans like you and Americans who will vote for you I feel hope for the future.

The South is an integral part of our United States, and all its citizens are Americans. Let's start world peace and understanding in our country first.

Thank you for restoring my faith.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charles DeGron