

303I Kallin Ave.
Long Beach 8, Calif.
August 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago, I read in the papers and saw on television, your testimony before the Senate Committee on Civil Rights Legislation. Before that day, I had never heard of Mayor Ivan Allen but after that day was over, I had gained respect and admiration for a person who I feel has great courage.

For a person from the south to say that Congress should act in the public accommodations field took great courage. It even becomes more of a courageous act when it is so obvious that it is political expedience to be against all Civil Rights Legislation.

I'm sure the segregationists and racists have given you a hard time for your words. But for this fellow American, you did something that will long be remembered by people who believe in equality of all groups.

If you receive other letters of congratulation from this area, it is because I have been constantly sounding off about your impressive words. It is the least we can do for a person who has furthered the cause of equality.

Here's hoping you get re-elected to the year 2000.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Schmidt
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