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Hon. Ivan Allen
Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

As the summer draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to commend your city for the extraordinary job it has done in establishing what is perhaps the nation's most creative new Urban Corps program.

On the basis of evaluations we have performed among the 15 presently operating Urban Corps throughout the nation, it is fair to report that the Atlanta program has shown unusual ability to provide its young men and women with the opportunity for a constructive, first-hand involvement in all aspects of urban government. Coupled with this has been a deep and abiding concern for relating the work experience to the student's intellectual development. It is this sort of developing relationship between the city and the academic community which is so central to the Urban Corps concept.

The presence of the SREB-sponsored Atlanta Service-Learning Conference, and your fine Urban Observatory combine with the Urban Corps to provide a unique opportunity for the establishment of the sort of innovative and effective programming we sincerely hope other communities will be able to emulate. There appears to be special interest in how the Atlanta program will make the transition into an academic-year operation, considering the high level of involvement of the local academic community.

We, and indeed every city which shares your concern for the future of urban society, look forward to the continued growth and success of the Atlanta Urban Corps.

Sincerely yours,

Michael B. Goldstein
Director

cc: Sam Williams