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Honorable Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mayor Allen:

Home ownership and land ownership has been the very foundation of our great nation. Through engendered pride and determination, our forebears set the path for pre-eminence of America in world affairs.

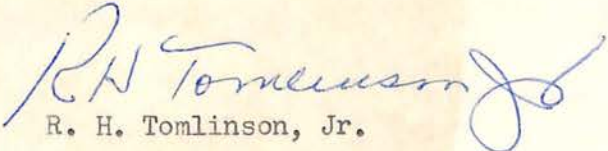
However hazardous land and home ownership may have been to our forefathers, todays insidious movements present equally heart breaking risks. About two years ago I purchased a home after retirement in the Utoy Forest-Peyton Forest area. Along with fifty or more others in this area I invested all my savings and mortgaged a limited income.

Our little neighborhood is new. We take pride in home ownership. Collectively our investment in Atlanta runs to about \$1.2 million. Now we find the future uncertain. Negro interests are trying to move in. Pressure and unscrupulous practices are being applied. Open as well as covert tactics are evident. The objectice - break the community and buy property at a fraction of its real value.

What can we do Mr. Mayor? We are trying to stand together and hold our community intact. This is an appeal to you - use your very powerful office to give us aid and assistance. At least in a moral way through Negro real estate interests.

May we count on your support?

Sincerely,

  
R. H. Tomlinson, Jr.