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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

As a friend and as a citizen, I want to tell you how proud I am of you and the manner in which you handled the recent disturbance on Capitol Avenue. Your courage, good judgement and patience demonstrated again the splendid leadership you are furnishing our community.

I was pleased that the radio and press gave you strong support and that you had recognition nationally from Vice President Humphries and the President of the United States. It was also gratifying to note the support you received from all segments of our population.

Your stand for law and order, and yet recognizing the legitimate needs of some of our less fortunate citizens, is certainly commendable.

You and all those associated with you in the handling of the incident are certainly due the heartfelt thanks of the citizens of our community.

Please do not feel that this letter requires a reply. I just wanted to express my respect and admiration for you in the job you are doing as the Mayor of our City.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

