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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor - City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

About fifteen months ago my wife and I purchased the home for which we have been working for the twenty years we have been married. It is located in the Utoy-Peyton Forest area in the Southwest section of Atlanta. We started with drapes, carpets, and many other things that go into a home, and in about three (3) months here comes the negroes, and it has been a continual fight since that time to save our homes.

We have owned and paid taxes on three different homes in the Southwest Atlanta section in these twenty years, so naturally we feel that we have had a small part in building this great City of ours of which we elected you Mayor.

We have voted for many bonds in the past to help make our City great. For the last several years the taxpayers that have been paying for most of the bonds, have had to fight continually to hold their homes, schools and churches.

Now we are being asked to vote for another bond - Eighty Million Dollars worth. We all want to continue to help our City to grow, and like any business, it will have to have additional revenue to do so. When one has to fight so hard to hold on to his possessions, there is the question in one's mind whether you would want to vote for something that would keep you investing in something you will eventually lose.

Mr. Mayor it is my humble opinion that you and the Aldermanic Board should take some positive and constructive action immediately to insure the white citizens of Southwest Atlanta that our taxes and votes will not be spent in vain.

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Thanking you very much for your support.

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