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Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

On behalf of the officers and directors of the Atlanta Real Estate Board, I am writing to express the appreciation of the Board for your forthright actions during the recent rioting in our City. We wish to join with many others in pledging our support to you in your continuing efforts to preserve law and justice and a sense of reason among all the people of Atlanta.

We commend your great courage in taking a personal hand in the control of these disturbances. Although your appearance at the scene was beyond the duties expected of the Mayor of Atlanta, every citizen should feel deep pride in what you did. We do not ask our Mayor to endanger his life or safety, but having done so, you have caused each of us to feel taller as citizens.

We are, naturally, concerned about the protection of private property, as well as the lives and well-being of our people. Certainly, we commend any effort toward strengthening the means of this protection within the framework of our laws and institutions. Freedom should be enjoyed by every citizen, but an engrained sense of responsibility must be understood as a qualification of this freedom. The Atlanta Real Estate Board, its officers, directors and members, stand behind you and the City Administration in your efforts to further these aims which we all share.

Strong and effective leadership in these times is necessary and we applaud your exercise of such leadership.

Yours very truly,

ATLANTA REAL ESTATE BOARD

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Harry Norman, Jr.,
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