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Dear Mayor Allen,

I wish to commend [no; thank-] you for the stand you have taken regarding the candidacy of Lester Maddox. I am disgusted and appalled at the weakness with which so many other leaders of the Democratic Party have endorsed Mr. Maddox's campaign and platform.

I feel that you, like me, are embarrassed for the State of Georgia. How can we talk about "fast-moving progress toward a better Georgia" and, at the same time, nominate and support a government-defying racist for the highest position in the ~~land~~ ^{State}? How can I go off to college and be proud to say I am from Georgia?

Though I am a senior in high school now, I will be able to vote in the next city election. I want you to know that you will have a tireless, enthusiastic worker in me at that time. Your courage and sensibility are the only comfort I have in this time of

Georgia's disgrace.

Sincerely,

Martha Landesberg.

P.S. I have now heard that Congressman
Walters has taken the same stand as you
have. I am not at all surprised. I have
great faith in both of you. You are both
an inspiration to me.