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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am writing you this letter as a resident of Peyton-Utoy Forest which is located off Peyton and Harlan Roads in Southwest Atlanta. Since procuring my new home in December, 1961, I have become deeply disturbed with a most unpleasant situation which has developed in my community. It seems that a few "imported" Negro citizenry who live in various sections of our fair city are determined to drive the Peyton-Utoy Forest residents out of Southwest Atlanta and perhaps out of the entire city of Atlanta which is being rapidly absorbed by the Negro population. This penetration is obviously aimed at gaining control of the entire Southwest area which contains many beautiful homes and thousands of civic-minded White citizens.

As a homeowner, I have been subjected to constant harrassment and unrest by these few Colored citizens who are bent on the successful employment of Chicago "block-busting" tactics. Residents of my community have been plagued with numerous phone calls and visits by Negro real estate brokers soliciting listings in our all-white community. Each day children are required to be overly cautious while playing because of the constant stream of Negro vehicles touring our area in an attempt to create unrest and panic. We are finding it increasingly more difficult, if not impossible, to persuade our friends and other prospective homeowners to settle in our community and enjoy the fellowship and home life which characterize our quite, peace-loving, neighborhood.

Mayor Allen, we are tired of being persecuted; and we tremble at the thought of watching our \$21,000 to \$28,000 homes decrease in value because of an unwarranted, uncalled-for attack by profit-minded Negroes. We earnestly solicit your help in stopping this encroachment in our community and in Southwest Atlanta in general. I have lived in Metropolitan Atlanta all of my life and in the city limits for twenty years. I like Atlanta and what it stands for; but if these block-busting tactics continue and no