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Memphis, Tenn. 38111

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen:

My blood is boiling! To see what is happening in your city and other cities in our country is enough to disgust anyone. When I saw on national T.V. the rioting and people getting hurt (especially the law enforcement officers), I wondered how long are the American people going to put up with such lawlessness? I couldn't get away with what these people are doing. Are these negroes so powerful already that they can't be controlled? We are going to give out a money eventually, aren't we? Every day some new legislation is proposed with a price tag of a few hundred million dollars to pacify this bunch of trash and damn it, I'm tired of it! It's enough to make a preacher cuss, and I don't mean one like M. L. King Jr. either - Anyway, do just what you said you'd do - give 'em hell! Our country's gone, sir. Respectfully,  
Mrs. Gus Rivalto