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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I read in the July 27 issue of the NEW YORK TIMES of your appeal to Congress to pass the President's Civil Rights bill.

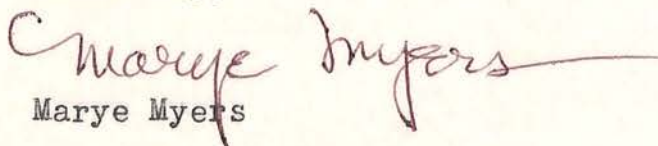
I wish to congratulate you on your stand and to let you know that many of us "northerners" share the view that when equality before the law becomes a reality the Negro's best friend will be found below the Mason-Dixon line.

I particularly liked your expressed views on the Supreme Court. I, too, have a schoolgirl's reverence for the Court and believe that in our present civil rights struggles legislation must lead the way for the expanding heart and the opening mind.

Knowing full well how your hands must be filled with the exigencies of your high office, nevertheless I am brash enough to hope that perhaps I may have the pleasure of hearing from you sometime in the future.

Again I salute you. When that happy dawn breaks when racial strife in the United States will be a thing of the past, you and your worthy neighbor Ralph McGill, can well bask in the ensuing sunshine.

Sincerely,

  
Marye Myers