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New York, New York 10011
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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Atlanta
Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Please accept my most sincere and hearty congratulations on the brilliance, clarity, and meaning of your July 26th statement to the Senate Commerce Committee.

Among all the millions of words that have been spoken and written on both sides of the segregation-integration issue, your statement stands out as a model of integrity and as a rare example of what the United States of America really represents.

I feel certain that millions of others throughout this nation, no matter what their racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds, join me in extending genuine gratitude for your statement.

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to spend some time in Atlanta. I found it a beautiful, energetic, and thoroughly gracious city. I do not know if you were mayor at that time, but I am certain that your administration has helped to make Atlanta a still finer city.

I send you my best wishes for continued success and my hopes that your civic career will prosper. Your statement marks you as one of an all too rare breed of public official. Would that we had more like you.

With respect and gratitude,

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