

1836 Dyson Drive  
Decatur, Georgia  
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Honorable Ivan Allan  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Just a note to express our appreciation for your forthright stand in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee last week. You made it clear, indeed, that a public accommodations law would clarify the situation to a great extent for both businessmen and their publics. But we commend even more your stand on the morality of the issue -- your voicing that there is a right and wrong in this matter, and your willingness to take your stand despite the possible political liabilities.

One dissent: remember what happened in school desegregation because of "all deliberate speed". Any period of grace which might be attached to the legislation must have a definite and not-too-distant compliance date included, or we stand open to witnessing a delaying spectacle like that regarding the schools over the past nine years.

Sincerely yours,

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