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Dear Mayor Allen,

I read with interest and enthusiasm your testimony presented yesterday before the Senate Commerce Committee.

There are certainly many of us in the "North" who subscribe to your views and those of the other citizens of Atlanta who have faced up to the law of the land, but who require some coherent clarification from the Congress in order that all advances made (as in Atlanta) will not slip back by default.

You and your associates are to be complimented for your sincere efforts to eliminate the goal of discrimination.

And you as an individual are to be praised as a person of real courage in an age when it is

certainly not politic to speak of aid  
to get in keeping with law and  
conscience.

I wish you well in this battle you  
are waging, all of you in  
Atlanta who are waging it.

and I wish you more than well in  
your own personal sphere. It is  
when I encounter a dedication  
under fire such as the one  
you exhibit that I have hope  
for America.

Sincerely,

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