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HONORABLE IVAN ALLEN JR

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA ATLA

DEAR MAYOR ALLEN I CAME TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA FULLY EXPECTING THAT I AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND AS A HUMAN BEING WOULD BE TREATED WITH THE DIGNITY AND RESPECT THAT ATLANTA GEORGIA PROCLAIMS WAS EXTENDED TO ALL PEOPLE. YOUR DESCRIPTION OF ATLANTA AS THE CITY "TOO BUSY TO HATE" NOW SOUNDS VERY HOLLOW TO ME SINCE MY DENIAL OF ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES OF ONE OF ATLANTAS CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE I WAS BLACK. THE YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION ON SPRING AND LUCKIE STREET OF WHICH I AM A FULL PAID MEMBER REFUSED TO LET ME UTILIZE THE PHYSICAL TRAINING FACILITIES BECAUSE I WAS NOT WHITE. THEY TOLD ME I WAS NOT WELCOME AND PROCLAIMED THAT THE YMCA WAS ONE OF THE LAST PLACES IN THE SOUTH TO DESEGREGATE THEIR FACILITIES. MY TRAVELS AS A

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MUSICIAN HAVE TAKEN ME THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES INCLUDING SUCH STATES SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA. IN NONE OF THESE STATES HAVE I BEEN DENIED THE ACCESS TO YMCA FACILITIES. I CANNOT OVERSTATE MY SURPRISE TO FIND THAT ATLANTA GEORGIA WHICH PURPORTS TO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH'S GREATEST ADVANCEMENT IN RACE RELATIONS CAN ALLOW A BLARING CONTRADICTION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO CONTINUE. I AM SURE THAT YOU HAYOR ALLEN WILL GIVE THIS SITUATION YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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