

Peachtree Christian Church

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ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

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The Honorable Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Mr. Allen,

Just a not to state that I think you made a brave and courageous stand before the Senate and that I am behind you all of the way. My voice here in the South isn't very powerful, but I do get to see many people and periodically I do some preaching and in all of my contacts I will deligently support the stand you have made.

Although I come from Washington State, I have grown to love Atlanta and the many fine people in this city. Men such as yourselves have given me more confidence in the South and its people than I ever thought possible. Your courage in face of the bitter and cynical obstacles amazes me, and I must admit it also baffles me. God Bless you. My prayers and thoughts are with you and I wish I could figure out more constructive ways to put my actions behind you also.

One of the ways we are hoping to confront our youth with an objective way of looking at these problems is by a Youth Week with its theme: Man Against Himself--a study of race relations. I believe our Minister of Education asked you or one of your staff members to speak to us during this week. I do hope it will be possible for you to come and be with us. These fine children are often confused by the conflicting claims of diverse opinion and need to be lead to take^aconstructive stand on this vitally important issue.

Again I want to commend you for the position you took and are taking on the Race Issue.

Sincerely,

Alvin G. Busby

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