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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
c/o City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please forgive the form and organization of this letter as I am at work and felt I should go ahead and write you while it is on my mind.

I am sure you have and will receive many letters condemning your testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee supporting Title II of President Kennedy's civil rights bill. However, I applaud your faith and courageous stand and as a former resident of Atlanta who voted for you in the primary, the runoff and the general election, please accept my thanks for a job well-done and be assured that I will continue to support your candidacy for any office inside or outside the city of Atlanta.

I attend college in the Atlanta area and I think the feelings of most students with whom I have talked are those of a generation suddenly thrust into the most urgent and complex matter of this century. Whether they be liberal or conservative, they feel the intimacy of this problem as our parents never did. Regardless of our political shades (I am a New Frontier Democrat as opposed to our "Dixiecrat" Democratic representatives in Congress save the fifth district's Charles Wellborn) the reality that de facto segregation is of a past era

is realized by all of us.

Your position is not unlike that of the greats in American politics as described in Kennedy's "Profiles in Courage". and although these men met defeat for taking the stand of principle over populism, I believe your stand will enhance your political career because it is one that all men in public and private life must eventually take so that our society may continue to advance to the level seen by Jefferson and Wilson. We must have the courage to offer our citizenship, taken for granted for generations, to our fellow man.

Again, thank you for your presentation of every right-thinking man's view and may you have continued success in the sphere of public service.

With regards to you and your family,
I am,

Respectfully,

Paul R. Jackson