

 **UNITED AIR LINES**

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en route San Francisco to Washington D.C.

My dear Mayor Allen:

Please accept my profound congratulations on the statesmanship of your support last Friday of the President's public accommodations bill.

I am sure that Americans everywhere — South, North, and West — are reassured and heartened by the significant, unequivocal stand you have taken on this crucial issue.

Let us hope that you will be joined by other good people of the South in a rising demand for common sense and simple decency in this matter which so gravely weakens the nation and eats at the heart of democracy.

My wife and I — and a great many more Californians —

UNITED AIR LINES
wish you all courage and
strength in receiving the abuse
of the racists and in continuing
your fine fight in the best
interests of all Americans.
I know that, had he been in
the country and known of your
testimony, Governor Pat Brown
would have written to you in
similar vein.

Sincerely,

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