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Dear Dr. Adams:

I am writing this letter to you, personally, as a matter of courtesy and deep concern.

I note that you have made an important political move as a professional leader in the community. Back in the day when I was helping you to get started professionally, you advise with me and I helped and guided you professionally and politically the best I could. Since you have reached financial security, my advice and help have not been needed and you have been spinning your wheels politically and rendering disservice to the community as a successful professional leader.

I can see that the Democratic candidate for Mayor [Paul Cantwell] is nothing to write home about nor to applaud, but as intelligent minorities when caught in this kind of political bind, we must be astute and sophisticated.

When you support the present Mayor [Bart Peterson], whom I considered a respectful and credible professional and personal friend— in that he wrote me a personal, handwritten letter of hope, faith, and wishes when I had my automobile accident in May—and I don't remember hearing a mumbling word from you whom I have known longer than the Mayor and tried to help more than I ever helped the Mayor—is not justification for us to support him for Mayor.

If you were alert and interested in the minority plight in this community, as to equal quality education, you would know that the present Mayor was a main conduit in sustaining the status quo segregated public school policy. He was one of the main triangles with Dick Lugar, who set up the nefarious political gerrymandering of Marion County—known as Unigov. Unigov was found to be a premeditated political move to sustain the status quo and to prevent desegregation of public school education and to delete the power of the Negro vote in Marion County – which policy has been approved by Congressman Andrew Jacobs and exposed in my previous, open letter to him. The finding of this premeditated move by the present Mayor, Dick Lugar, who was then Mayor, and the present president of the City-Council, Beurt SerVaas, and my would be friend, Governor Bowen, is a matter of Court record in the Federal Court of the

desegregation case which has been pending for more than 10 years here. The desegregation case involves the desegregation of the public schools and the Judge in Federal Court officially found at 3 points in the case that Unigov was premeditatedly passed to prevent the integration of the public schools in Marion County, as provided for in my 1949 Public Education Desegregation Law. This law, in 1949, was written and passed by me at a cost of many thousands of dollars and the present case started by the NAACP, now in Federal Court was initiated by me and helped financed by me over a period of 10 years—reference John Moss and John Ward, attorneys of record, and Judge S. Hugh Dillon. Unigov was vocally pushed by the 3 monkeys of racial hate who proposed to the white voters of Marion County that they had to spread the Negro vote thin to prohibit the election of a Negro mayor in Indianapolis. This was one of the main motivating objectives which was publicly stated and which is still the policy of the present Mayor and Dick Lugar who is now a Senator and the political hatchet man [Beurt SerVass] who controls the City-Council; and I must say that the boys who wear racial hatred did a good job to enslave you and your grandchildren, politically and for equal quality education wise. Unfortunately, we forget very easily and when we take a position of leadership we often, unwisely and unwittingly, cut off our nose for personal admission and never acceptance, and in fact, many of the leaders become blind and lose their cotton picking minds.

I regret that many of you “would be leaders” after getting 2 jumps ahead of the Sheriff forget their historical and contemporary status quo lot and do more harm than good. The present Mayor [Bart Peterson] when endorsed by you, you say to the public you endorse his principles and past history of duplicity and obsequiousness of valid moral values.

I regret that I must write you this letter but in keeping with my policy of more than one-half a century of diligent effort to challenge wrong in high and low places, I must be true to myself and my principles. I agree that the vocal front of the present mayor is superior to that of the week Democratic candidate [Paul Cantwell], but those of us who influence others must be careful that we do not do more harm than good and we are not motivated by selfishness and we do not become opportunist and do not play into the hands of the status quo of our social order by creating more frustration in the minds of the unfortunate black minorities. I am,

Yours truly,

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P. S. It is the same status quo which is possessed by the evil racial hatred and doing their best to defeat Senator Birch Bayh— at least he is a 60% active friend of the minorities and 75% supported by his voting record. We must remember always to have the courage to reward our friends and to condemn our enemies at any cost. We must be careful not to white wash our enemies but to forgive them but still hold them up under the public light.