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Mr. Kenneth Cockrell
409 Griswold Building
1214 Griswold Street
Detroit, Michigan

Dear ~~Mr. Cockrell~~: *Ken,*

Never before have I written a letter thanking two individuals for being instrumental in saving the City of Detroit from those who would have it destroyed. Today, I have the opportunity to convey such a heartfelt message to you and your fellow-warrior for justice, Judge Ravitz.

For those of us who live in the City of Detroit, police abuse, repression and terrorism are nothing new. While generally waged on a race and class basis, this war nonetheless strikes deep into the soul of each person who is sickened by the accounts of wanton, senseless violence. Perhaps what is saddest about this situation is that it is so common that individual tragedies seldom stir us any longer.

All of this has suddenly been changed, however, by the publicity which has been forcibly exposed by the courageous pursuit of the "Hayward Brown case" by Judge Ravitz and yourself. To say that you have "saved Detroit" is, I feel, an accurate description of the results of your vehement refusals to permit the persecution of Hayward Brown to become merely another statistic. Your recent visits to Detroit General Hospital and the eloquent rage expressed as a result, are perfect cases in point. Tragedies such as those we have witnessed can only happen when no one cares, when the public is so discouraged and so beaten down and accustomed to genocide that one more beating or murder only produces a silent curse and a slow shake of the head. A police-state can only be created when the general populace is anesthetized. Your relentless search for justice has returned feeling to an almost numb body politic. For this, one and a half million people thank you.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Jackie
Jackie Vaughn III
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*Ken,
Thank you very
much
Jackie*