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August 23, 2018

Dear Mayor Moore,

My family and I moved to Franklin from Atlanta, GA in 2006 to begin Gateway Franklin Church. Our first public service was April 1st, 2007. This is our home. This is where we raised our daughter from 3rd grade through High School. We love this city and we love this county. My wife and I have dedicated ourselves to the enrichment of the people of this area.

I was present at the last Board of Mayor & Aldermen meeting at City Hall where the "Fuller Story" was presented by Pastor Kevin Riggs and Pastor Hewitt Sawyers. My church and I are in full support of this proposal and I was very excited to see it received so favorably that evening.

This type of response represents a level of discourse yet to be introduced on a broad scale in our society. A "Fuller Story" response doesn't demand that a person take sides in such a divisive and complicated issue regarding the memorializing of our history. It offers the alterative of telling a broader story. The story is humbling and serves to remind everyone that devaluing any person is to treat them less than a God designed person. This "Fuller Story" approach represents my church and family's values. We stand in its full support.

Thank you for your leadership! If we can serve you or our city in any manner please receive this letter as your open invitation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Weir

Lead Pastor