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Honorable John Lewis
100 Peachtree Street
Suite 1920
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Congressman John Lewis:

I am writing you today to offer my sincere apologies and regrets for the disrespectful comments about you posted on social media by a Gwinnett district commissioner. I would further welcome the chance to apologize to you face-to-face if you are willing to give me a few minutes to do so.

I want to assure you that the remarks posted by one commission do not reflect the opinions of the Board of Commissioners as a whole nor do we condone the use of social media to spread negative thoughts about any individual. We understand that our communications carry the weight of our offices and try to manage ourselves accordingly.

Further, the comments expressed by one individual do not reflect the opinions of Gwinnett County residents as a whole. Most of us honor you as a leader in the civil rights movement and as a long-time public servant, even those who may hold different political stances.

I hope that it is still possible to disagree in a respectful, civil manner without being offensive and without compromising our ability to take principled stands. However, using hurtful words and name-calling should not have a place in governing.

Again, I sincerely apologize and ask for the chance to repeat this apology to you in a face-to-face meeting.

With best regards,

Charlotte J. Nash

Chairman, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners