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Dear Mr. Dred Scott,

I am writing you in an attempt to credit you with the praise that you deserve for the justices which you have helped bring to society.

Firstly, I can only imagine the immense courage it took for you to take a stand against the moral disservices once committed by the government. Slavery was a horrible part of our nation's history. Most people, though aware of the injustices of slavery, never would have found the strength within themselves to put up a fight. You, Mr. Scott, fought for your freedom. Freedom is the basis of this country, and the real citizens, in my opinion, are those who fight for that which the foundations of the nation are built upon. You deserved freedom, as did all slaves. Therefore, your fight for your deserved freedom makes you a most honorable man.

Only an honorable man, with great courage and inner strength, would have faced the Supreme Court as you did. The Supreme Court is a major power, but the will of the people was greater. It must have been a great burden on your shoulders as you represented all slaves and former slaves in that battle. Those slaves, as well as all who knew the problem of slavery, knew it had to be solved. You should be thanked for the advancement of the people.

It is true that the Supreme Court's ruling to nullify the Missouri Compromise and deny