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Mrs. Ann Sumler  
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Dear Ann,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of one of the nation's greatest supporters of Peace, Justice, and Equality. Your husband, Rodney Sumler and I worked side by side during many of America's most challenging eras. I recall The Civil Rights Movement and The War on Poverty in the African American community being at the top of Rodney's list.

Rodney believed in the advancement of African Americans and demonstrated his belief through helping others to achieve academic and professional success in their own lives. Rodney recognized the disadvantages faced by his people and accepted the call to action to make a difference in the lives of others through his commitment to exposing the unjust and promoting justice for all people. Rodney worked tirelessly as a student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, staging protests, participating in sit-ins, and educating the community about what must be done in order to bring about a lasting change in the lives of African Americans. Rodney distinguished himself from many as not one who talked about change, rather, one who fought for change.

Rodney continued his efforts in promoting social justice, equality, growth and development in the lives of African Americans through teaching, engaging the community in elections, founding The AC Phoenix Newspaper, and mentoring many in the community.

I know that Rodney had a love for people that extended to all he came in contact with and his legacy is one of love that will live on indefinitely.

I am forever grateful to have shared a friendship with Rodney.

Please accept my condolences, and know that if you need anything I am just a phone call away.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.  
Founder and President  
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