September 11, 2007

Dear Mr. Kerner:

Congratulatons on your new exhibition, *Face to Face: From See to Shining See.*

Perhaps no City is more defined by its cultural community than New York — and you have done so much to continue that tradition. Your unique style, which combines a love of your craft with a deep concern for your neighbors, is quintessentially New York — so it is fitting that your work has earned a place in our Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York Historical Society, and New York Public Library. Of course, from Babe Ruth, who swatted home runs in ballparks around the country, to the Marx Brothers, who brought their act to Hollywood to achieve widespread fame; great New Yorkers seldom fail to make their mark around the world as well — so it's no surprise that you've found success far beyond our borders in locales such as Canada, Paris, and Portugal.

Please accept my gratitude for your contributions to our City's continued artistic preeminence, and my best wishes for many more years of success.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor