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Dear Ms. Fletcher:

A few days ago I read the National Report in Jet entitled "What's Ahead For Affirmative Action?". I do not follow the news about affirmative action, but this article makes me think that I should pay more attention. I am a 21 year old African-American female. In some terms, I have to compete in Corporate America with my race and gender holding me back. Actually, the only one holding me back is myself. I've got to get out there and market myself. Graduation for me is only 1 year away.

Sometimes I wonder whether Justice Clarence Thomas is on the positive or negative side of the upliftment of people of color (especially black people). I'm not sure if I should praise him for being a black man on the U.S. Supreme Court or if I should pray for him for voting for tighter controls on affirmative action. My view is that people of African descent struggled for over four centuries and are still struggling to get into the workforce. I think that if the government can help those who are products of slavery, racism and discrimination, it should. Well, I'm sure that Mr. Thomas does not see things this way.

Ms. Fletcher, thank you for your time and attention. I'm glad I expressed my feelings.  
Have a nice day, God Bless: Ginger Beverly