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Robert A. Zauzmer, Esquire, Pardon Attorney
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave.
NW Washington, DC 20530

Re: In Support of Petition for Posthumous Presidential Pardon of Marcus Garvey

Dear Mr. Zauzmer:

I respectfully encourage President Obama to issue the Posthumous Presidential Pardon of Marcus Garvey. I stand in support of the family of Marcus Garvey, the UNIA International, the Prime Minister of Jamaica, and attorneys Jasmine Rand and Ron Sullivan in their Petition.

Marcus Garvey's philosophies of human equality, Black consciousness, self-determination, economic progress, and pride in Africa influenced my grandfather, Nelson Mandela, and helped ignite a fire that led to the decolonization and independence of many nations in Africa including my nation, South Africa.





Marcus Garvey is not only a Jamaican National hero, he was a hero to my grandfather Nelson Mandela. As he struggled to free South African people from the chains of colonization, he reminded himself from a jail cell, "none but ourselves can free our minds."

As a child my grandfather taught me about Marcus Garvey; his principles and philosophies are alive in me today, the next generation of Mandela, as a founder of Africa Rising and a proponent of African pride throughout the world. Garvey's legacy and concept of African self-determination can be seen in Africa's leaders today as our nations restore and guarantee greater human rights to all of our citizens, and can be measured by the economic growth rate- Africa currently has 7 nations represented in the world's top 20 growing economies. My grandfather was the first Black President of South Africa, former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, of Liberia was the world's first elected black female President and Africa's first female head of state, and you President Obama are the first black President of the United States of America- three modern leaders who exemplify and stand on the shoulders of the legacies created by brave giants like Marcus Garvey.

President Obama, I humbly request that you take the honor of issuing the Posthumous Presidential Pardon of Marcus Garvey and right the wrong of history. As the UNIA stated we must: "emancipate our children's collective conscience from the transgression of an official history that criminalizes the legacy of Marcus Garvey...to liberate truth unto this generation as a measure of redemptive justice gifting the dignity of a proud history that breathes hope into a more just and equitable future." President Obama, we urge you to fully restore the good name and legacy of Marcus Garvey as an example to American citizens and the global community.





Respectfully,

Ndaba Mandela

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Chairman & co-founder

Africa Rising Foundation

