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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
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As an African American boy growing up in the 1950's it was a difficult assignment to find positive role models in the space of national political leadership. I felt this void even more so as the civil rights movement started to take shape in the early '60s. There were many ideas of how to move the civil rights movement forward, but very few examples to use as a foundation. In my personal quest to learn from the past, I read the history of Marcus Garvey. His story was an immediate inspiration.

Presently, I hurt because his story should have had a much better ending that would have benefited our nation, as well as the civil rights movement. Because of the malicious intent of one person, a cause was branded as criminal. With all that is now known about the case that was charged against Marcus Garvey, The President of the United States should issue an immediate pardon for Marcus Garvey. At its very best, the charge was frivolous and unwarranted.

We will never know all of the great accomplishment that could have grown out of the civil rights era if it had the positive Marcus Garvey legacy foundation to build on. However, it is not too late to set the record straight. Marcus Garvey was not a criminal. He was a one of the very first civil rights' giants of the twentieth century. He was a successful newspaper owner and publisher as well as a successful business owner. His contribution to our nation was positive and history should reflect this fact.

As President your pardon will bring healing to a family, pride to a race, and justice to a nation.

In Christ,



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