

October 24, 2016

Senator Christopher Coons,
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Wilmington, DE 19801-1233

Attention: Senator Christopher Coons, United States Senator, Delaware.

RE: Request to Expunge the Record of Marcus Mosiah Garvey By President Obama.

Dear Sen. Coon:

The Jamaican Government has requested that President Obama expunge Marcus Mosiah Garvey's criminal record before President Obama leaves office in January 2017.

To this end, on behalf of The Jamaican Diaspora North East USA (www.jdneusa.org) and, as one of two Delaware Representatives of the Jamaican Diaspora, Mrs. Lorraine Badley, being the other, I write to request your support for expunging the criminal record of Marcus Mosiah Garvey by President Obama. As you are aware, Marcus Mosiah Garvey is a National Hero in Jamaica, the place of his birth. In fact a National Park is named in his honor in Kingston, Jamaica. In 1984 Marcus Garvey was given a royal pardon by then Jamaican Governor General under the Jamaican Constitution section 91. The government of Jamaica is moving to expunge his criminal record, which is presently being considered by the Jamaican Parliament.

For background information, an online petition started in the US in August 2016, and, needing 100,000 signatories only received 29,000, and did not reach the threshold of signatures required to secure a response from President Obama.

Marcus Mosiah Garvey, a proponent of the Black Nationalism and Pan Africanism movement, founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) in Jamaica in 1914 and then moved two years later to New York where the organization thrived. He spoke across the US and urged African Americans to be proud of their race and return to Africa, their ancestral homeland.

To facilitate the proposed return to Africa, Marcus Garvey founded the black Star Line in 1919, to provide transportation to Africa. He also started the Negro Factories Corporation to encourage Black Economic Independence. Three years later he was arrested for mail fraud in connection with the sale of stocks in the black Star Line, which had by then failed.

As proud American of Jamaican Heritage, I have always admired Marcus Mosiah Garvey for the self development he professed as we were taught in elementary school in Jamaica.

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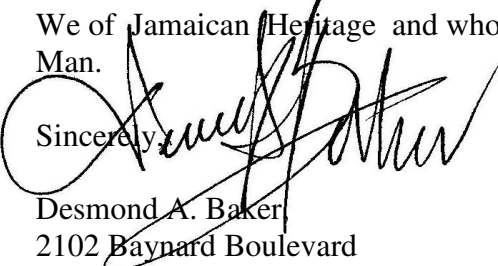
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I hope that you will review this matter and support the local Jamaican community and the government of Jamaica, Jamaica-American, and all persons seeking the US Government expunging of Marcus Garvey's criminal record.

We of Jamaican Heritage and whom are now Us Citizen are proud of the this great Man.

Sincerely,



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