



Delaware CBTU Chapter

Coalition of Black Trade Unionists

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Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear President Joseph Biden:

The Coalition of Black Trade Unionist (CBTU) - Delaware write in support of the Exoneration and Presidential Posthumous Pardon for the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Despite his significant contributions to the economic advancement and human rights for People of African Descent throughout the world, Marcus Mosiah Garvey's legacy in the United States of America remains tarnished due to a wrongful conviction. Marcus Garvey was charged with mail fraud in 1923 and sentenced to five years in prison - a case widely considered to be politically motivated and unfair.

Since its founding in 1972, CBTU has enhanced the influence and power of black workers in the trade union movement and in their communities. CBTU is justifiably proud of its history of solidarity with human rights fighters and freedom movements here and around the world, especially in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In the spirit of Marcus Garvey, CBTU stands on its history of challenging the gaping disparity of wealth, power and living standards throughout the world, especially in African and Caribbean countries.

CBTU was the first American labor organization to pass strong resolutions calling for an economic boycott and a change in U.S. policy toward Southern Africa. We are proud of the courageous leaders who dared to create a strong independent voice for Black people promoting economic self-reliance and independence.

Garvey was an exemplary model of such leadership. We believe Garvey's exoneration is long overdue. Delaware CBTU stands with the coalition of organizations in the state of Delaware calling on you to address this historical injustice.

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