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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the Delaware Alliance of Black School Educators (DABSE), I write to respectfully urge you to grant a posthumous pardon to Marcus Mosiah Garvey, a visionary leader whose legacy continues to inspire generations around the world.

Born in Jamaica in 1887, Marcus Garvey rose to international prominence as a champion of Black pride, self-determination, and unity. As the founder of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), he mobilized millions in the United States and abroad, promoting the ideals of racial equality, economic independence, and a global identity for people of African descent. His life's work represents an unwavering commitment to uplifting marginalized communities during a time of systemic oppression.

DABSE, as a chapter of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), shares a mission to improve the educational experiences and accomplishments of African American youth. Founded in 1970, NABSE is dedicated to developing instructional methods and programs that inspire achievement and create opportunities for success. In Delaware, DABSE collaborates with educators, community organizations, and national partners such as the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) to emphasize the importance of teaching youth about leaders like Marcus Garvey. His life and legacy offer invaluable lessons in resilience, leadership, and the power of collective action.

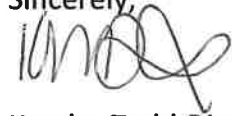
The conviction of Marcus Garvey for mail fraud in 1923—widely recognized as unjust and politically motivated—remains a blemish on his legacy. Granting a pardon would be a powerful

step toward restorative justice, acknowledging the profound impact of his contributions to civil rights and global unity.

President Biden, your commitment to equity and addressing historical injustices has inspired hope for meaningful change. A pardon for Marcus Garvey would restore his name and honor his contributions to the world, reinforcing the ideals of justice and reconciliation that we strive to instill in our students and communities.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this critical act of restorative justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kendra Todd-Dixon', written in a cursive style.

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