

Letter #37

Dear President Obama,

My name is Julian Cook and I am a Howard University freshmen political science major from Chicago, IL. I, along with several other students, am asking that you pardon and exonerate Mr. Marcus Garvey of the unfounded claims mail fraud that he has been accused of. We can't continue the precedent of allowing the names and legacies of leaders who have done nothing but try to advance people of color and other marginalized groups to be tarnished and delegitimized. Thank you

-Julian Cook Howard University

Letter #38

Dear President Obama;

Good Evening! I am Samantha Kelsey, sophomore Chemical Engineering student at Howard University, and I unapologetically support your efforts to have Marcus Garvey exonerated. Garvey was a warrior for all people of African descent, and he worked tirelessly just to see a day where Black people were truly successful. Garvey did not deserve the treatment he received, and if this were his time period, his efforts would be praised and he would have never been incarcerated. Garvey deserves to have his name cleared. His acquittal would not only restore respect and weight to his name, but it would serve to further prove the resilience of those of African descent. This is why I, Samantha Kelsey, wholeheartedly support the effort of many across the country to encourage President Barack Obama to absolve Garvey in his final days as commander in chief. Sincerely Yours,

Samantha Kelsey Howard University United States of America

Letter #39

Dear Mr. President,

Marcus Mosiah Garvey played a vital role in the advancement of the black race, both in his hometown of Jamaica and abroad. As a Jamaican myself, I grew up knowing Garvey as one of our 7 national heroes. He is praised across the island as a pioneer for the rights of Black people. In our textbooks, mention is made of his measures aimed at the social advancement of the race as well as his push for self-love within the population.

With the current state of panic and chaos surrounding the black population within the United States, I do believe post-humously pardoning Garvey will remind the currently anxious population of the pride Garvey fought to bestow in them. This may also provide a sense of hope for better times, as Garvey similarly gave to those who followed him in his time. Therefore, I believe it would be fitting to pardon Garvey before leaving office, to give the Black population in the states and elsewhere a welcoming sense of security and assurance that you, Mr. President, see the value of those who fought relentlessly to uplift the race.

I do hope you take my plea, as well as those before and after me, into consideration.
Alexia S. 18 y.o. Howard University USA

Letter #40

To President Barack Obama,

I humbly request for the exoneration of the late Marcus Garvey. His struggle and attempts of trying to unite and uplift the black people of the world should not be tarnished. Without his efforts my fellow people,(Afro Caribbeans) would not have gained the much needed insight from the Negro World. Many of the black people in history have endured a great deal in order for this generation to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Most of whom did not live to enjoy those benefits. I hope that Mr. Garvey will be remembered not for that unfair charge but for his impact on the world.

Yours sincerely,

Khadija C Howard University Freshman

Letter #41

Dear Mr. President,

I write to you upon the request for the posthumous presidential pardoning of Marcus Garvey. Marcus Garvey had many positive impacts in his lifetime. He founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association that has been helping unite all of African diaspora to this day. He started several chapters of U.N.I.A. Martin Luther King Jr. was in support of him, and Garvey even started the shipping company, the Black Star Line, which provided many jobs for the Negro community. He sought to inspire Negroes of a better tomorrow but was stopped unjustly. For all the good Marcus Garvey did, he should be pardoned.

Thank you.

Alyssa R. - 18 years of age - Howard University - United States of America

Letter #42

Dear Mr. President and to those whom it may concern:

Marcus Garvey was a brave and honorable man who fought to improve the circumstances of his people and to unify all of African descent. He was named as the first National Hero of Jamaica. I humbly request to petition President Barack Obama to exonerate Marcus Mosiah Garvey, leader of the first and largest economic justice movement in the United States.

Sincerely,

Nafeesa M. 18 years old Howard University United States of America

Letter #43

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to you in regards to the exoneration of Marcus Garvey. Convicting a hero and a passionate activist of a crime he did not commit only to prevent him from

successfully using his voice and position of power to uplift his oppressed people is disgraceful in every way possible. Marcus Garvey, a man who worked endlessly towards real freedom for Black people, should be honored for his achievements. It's upsetting enough that he has passed away knowing that he has been wrongfully convicted of a crime but now this may be the last chance of getting his name cleared being that you are still in office for a few more weeks. It's important that we restore honor to his name (in the eyes of the law) so that he is recognized as the hero he is. Further more, when future generations learn about Garvey, their final impressions of him should not be tainted by his unjust conviction.

Kaira P., 18 years old - Howard University, United States

Letter #44

Dear President Obama;

I, Kanicia G. from Howard University, join forces with several scholars, organizations, and Garvey descendants in an attempt to clear the good name of Marcus Garvey by requesting that you exonerate this civil rights leader. Garvey has done nothing but good for the African American community with a dream of rebuilding us as a people. His efforts are part of the reason that you, a black man, can have the name "Mr. President". With the exoneration of Marcus Garvey, it is possible that one may be inspired by Garvey's work and continue his legacy of pride and economic independence throughout the black community. Thank you.

Kanicia - Howard University

Letter #45

Dear President Obama,

I am Anisa Robertson. I am a freshman architecture major from Atlanta, Georgia. I am writing to you for the exoneration of Marcus Garvey of his mail fraud charges. Garvey was an extremely influential figure in the black community during a time where there were few known black pride movements. He should be praised unconditionally and unapologetically for his positive influence on the Black Community. It is ridiculous to treat Garvey as such when people such as Columbus are celebrated despite the atrocities he committed. atrocities which still impact the land's indigenous people today. Exonerating Garvey of these charges will lift the negative connotation associated with his name and increase talk about his accomplishments. Just like how every child is taught about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., they should be taught of the legacy of Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Thank you.

Anisa Robertson - Howard University, United States

Letter #46

Dear President Obama,

I am Naana Adjare-Sefa. I am a freshman at Howard University majoring in mechanical engineering from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I am writing for the Students4Garvey campaign to help exonerate the late Marcus Garvey. Garvey was a great civil rights and anti-colonial leader of the early twentieth century. He fought for black people everywhere and his name should not be ruined. He was convicted for mail fraud but was completely innocent and made no profit from the BlackStarLine. Please take my letter into consideration,

Thank you.

Naana Adjare-Sefa Howard University, United States

Letter #47

Dear President Obama,

My name is Carmen Jennings. I am a freshman marketing major at Howard University from Jacksonville, Florida. I am writing to you today along with the Students4Garvey campaign with the hopes that you will award a pardon of the social activist, political leader, publisher, and journalist, Marcus Garvey. Marcus Mosiah Garvey, a leader in the human rights movement for people of African descent, was unjustly convicted for crimes he did not commit. I don't believe Garvey's name and work should be tarnished for fallacious crimes. I believe you should correct this historic injustice and exonerate Marcus Garvey. I hope you take this letter into consideration.

Thank you.

Carmen Jennings - Howard University, United States

Letter #48

Dear President Obama,

My name is Asha Robertson. I am a freshman at Howard University from Atlanta, Georgia. I am writing in regards to exonerating the late Marcus Garvey. He is much more than his conviction of mail fraud, and therefore should be remembered as such.

Asha Robertson - Howard University, United States

Letter #49

Mr. President,

Marcus Garvey was unfairly persecuted by the US Government because of his efforts to unify and empower the Black Community. Marcus Garvey's name and ideals must be decriminalized in order for this transgression on others like it to be forgiven. Please pardon Marcus Garvey.

Sincerely,

Ivey H., 18 years old - Student of Howard University -United States

Letter #50

Dear President Obama,

My name is Kendall Hollingsworth, and I am a freshman in college from Houston, Texas. I attend Howard University, and am majoring in Political Science. I am emailing you with the request that you exonerate Mr. Marcus Garvey of his falsely accused mail fraud charges. He was a strong leader in the black community, and deserves to be praised, and seen in publicly in a positive light. Please take the time in your final days in office to address this important issue for the black community.

Thank you,

Kendall Hollingsworth - Student of Howard University -United States

Letter #51

Dear President Obama,

I am writing this in hopes that it will encourage you to consider officially pardoning Marcus Garvey before the end of your term. Garvey's work was instrumental in advancing the cause of the Black Community. He was accused of false charges due to the enemies of his work. It would mean a great deal to many in the community if you would commit to this symbolic gesture. I believe it would contribute to your legacy as the first black president, along with your many other achievements.

Samantha Freeman - Age 18 - University of Maryland College Park

Letter #52

Dear President Obama,

My name is Jonathan Willard. I am a freshman at Howard University, majoring in sports medicine from New Orleans, Louisiana. I am writing this letter to express my interest in the exoneration of the late Marcus Garvey. Marcus Garvey was a great man and an influential activist who fought for the equal rights of people of color from all over the world. Despite his conviction for mail fraud, his legacy should not be tarnished. As African Americans, we cannot allow Marcus Garvey's name to be ruined after the positive and important impact that he made in his life. Simply, his conviction should be pardoned. Thank you.

Letter #53

Dear President Obama,

I, Alyssa Jenkins, am respectfully in support of the movement to exonerate Marcus Garvey of the charges placed against him that claim mail fraud. His work to unify the Black Diaspora and combat White supremacy should not be undermined by these charges. The charges placed against Garvey were not imposed for justice but rather as a way to thwart his progress and silence his voice. I believe, out of respect for his work, they should be dropped to clear his name.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alyssa N. Jenkins

Letter #54

President Obama,

Marcus Garvey was one of the most influential and positively powerful black leaders of the 20th century. His work inspired and heavily influenced the Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements that unified and motivated black men and women. The reason Marcus Garvey should be exonerated is clear. Garvey's rights were clearly violated as he was seen as a threat to the power of hegemony and the continuing rise of white power and the genocide of the black race. He was unjustly convicted of crimes he did not commit and this is an injustice to black people in America and Garvey's homeland of Jamaica. He was an inspiration to us all and his history must be corrected.

Best,

Sydney A. Lewis

Letter #55

Dear Mr. President,

As you are coming to an end of your time as president, I hope you will consider extending an official pardon to the late Marcus Garvey. As you know, the work of Marcus Garvey laid the foundation of many of our achievements in the black community, as his legacy is still within us. Especially in these tumultuous times, I believe this gesture will invigorate the community and motivate us to commit to further change in our country and world.

Best,

Zoe Finkle - Age 18 - University of Maryland-College Park

Letter #56

Dear President Obama,

I believe Marcus Garvey should be officially pardoned because of his contributions to the Black Community. He founded several organizations aims to help black community, who at the time (and to some extent still today) face prejudice due to the color of their skin.

Even more importantly, he gave new spirit to the black identity, which continues to propel us the American atmosphere. For these reasons, I hope you consider this symbolic gesture.

Sincerely,

Noah Johnson - Age 18 University of Virginia

Letter #57

Dear President Obama,

I am writing to ask that in your remaining tenure as president, you formally pardon the late Marcus Garvey. Garvey was a central figure in the advancement of people of color both in the United States and across the world. Without him, and many other leaders, our community would not be at the prominence that it now is. As the first President of color, you have the opportunity to cement your legacy as a champion of black people from past and present.

Letter #58

Dear President Obama,

I am in full support of the exoneration of journalist Marcus Garvey for a crime that he was not guilty of. In 1923, Garvey was falsely convicted of mail fraud by the American government. This was the same man who formed the Black Star Line, an international shipping company to promote worldwide commerce in the black community. Garvey will always be remembered as a pivotal figure in the back-to-Africa movement, as well as the modern day "black is beautiful" idea. Though not everybody agreed with his ideas, he represents freedom from racial inferiority, an idea that is very important to me. Mr. President, if that is of any importance to you, please, before you leave office, exonerate Marcus Garvey.

Warm regards,

Daynah P 18 years old Howard University Student USA

Letter #59

Dear President Obama,

My name is Dylan Paul, a freshman finance major at Howard University. I am writing to you to plead the case that Marcus Garvey should be Exonerated mail fraud. Marcus Garvey spear headed the Black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements which resulted in the founding of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League. He was able to inspire and mobilize a global mass movement known as Garveyism. For all that he has done he should idolized. This cannot be done fully if a negative charge is attached to his name. Please exonerate Marcus Garvey.

Regards,

Dylan Paul - Howard University Student USA

Letter #60

Dear President Obama,

Marcus Garvey must be exonerated before you leave office. His name, soiled by a trumped up charge of mail fraud, holds a beacon of light to youth today supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Today, his ideas are embraced, yet his legacy remains tarnished due to the racism of his time period. The movement he ignited among African youth in the United States to overcome oppression should be remembered in a positive light, not tainted by this unjust charge.

Please grant this posthumous presidential pardon for Marcus Garvey.

Heba E Howard University Student USA

Letter #61

Dear Mr. President;

Marcus Garvey was a vital force in the Pan-African movement. He worked to promote education and awareness of the African culture to gain a better sense of self-identification for each individual of African American descent. Garvey believed that in order to progress, we must better understand our history. President Obama should exonerate Marcus Garvey because he was not only a pioneer in the advancement of African

American rights, this act will also rectify the wrongful imprisonment of a black male which is something this country is sadly prone to doing.