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Dear Member of Congress:

The DuSable Museum of African American History, the nation's FIRST institution of its kind, has been dedicated to the collection, preservation, interpretation and dissemination of the history and culture of Africans and Americans of African descent for 46 years.

As a National Co-Sponsor of Arts Advocacy Day 2007, we request your continued support of all Federal programs which provide for funding of institutions which help to nourish the creativity, tell the stories, present positive examples and bring to light little known facts about events, people, and situations which have occurred during the great history of the United States of America. We especially request your support of increase funding to *Museum Grants for African American History and Culture* currently administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The millions of people who visit Museums each year benefit greatly from those visits. They provide quality time for families, school groups, senior citizens and the public at large to attend exhibitions, lectures, readings, musical programs and special events which not only are entertaining and educational, but most of all, affordable.

An African proverb states, "Until the lion writes his own story, the tale will always glorify the hunter! We thank you for your support of all ARTS programs in America, especially for those programs which help support Museums. When all citizens have access to Museums, our communities experience enrichment as a result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antoinette D. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Antoinette D. Wright
President and CEO