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Dear Dr. Ali Moussa-Iye:

As the Superintendent of Rock Creek Park, a unit of the National Park Service, it is a pleasure to provide this letter of request in support of and endorsement for Georgetown Waterfront in Washington, DC, to be designated as a "Site of Memory" by the UNESCO Slave Trade Route Project. I am fully aware of the significance of place and the inclusion by UNESCO in the Slave Trade Route Project of Georgetown Waterfront Park which enables members of the public, residents and visitors alike, to know the connections and relevance of our Middle Passage arrival location to national and global history. The details of our site are included in the documents submitted with this letter on our behalf by the **Middle Passage Ceremonies and Port Markers Project, Inc.**

Our marker and remembrance ceremonies will commemorate Georgetown Waterfront Park as a geographical point identifying the beginning of the influence and contributions made by African children, women and men who experienced the transatlantic Middle Passage voyage and their descendants upon the creation of this region and nation. To finally acknowledge this history completely and be a part of that effort is indeed an honor.

Sincerely,

Julia Washburn
Superintendent
Rock Creek Park
