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AMERICAN MUSEUM
THAT DOESN'T EXIST...*YET.*

National Museum of the
AMERICAN PEOPLE

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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. President:

As the leaders of 83 diverse national organizations representing more than 48 different ethnic and minority groups throughout the United States, we urge you to create a Presidential commission to study the establishment of the National Museum of the American People.

The museum will tell the story of *all* of the people who were on or came to this land and nation, and who helped make this country the world's economic, military, scientific and cultural leader. The museum has bipartisan support in Congress and we believe that the creation of the commission will serve as an act of reconciliation in the wake of the election. After all, while we have some political differences, in the end we are all Americans.

The museum will embody our original national motto: E Pluribus Unum – From Many We Are One! In telling the story of the making of the American People, the museum will tell who “We the People” are and where we came from. It will tell when, how and why we arrived in this land and nation, what each of our groups encountered and how each of us transformed our nation. The story begins in the prehistoric period and progresses through waves of migration and immigration to today.

We believe the National Museum of the American People can become a lasting cultural legacy for you and your administration. All Americans will come to learn the story of their own ethnic or minority group, and to learn about all of the others. Foreign visitors will come to better understand our incredibly diverse nation. We propose that no appropriated funds be used to plan, design, build or operate the museum.

A Presidential commission like the one that we're calling for led to the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, one of the best story-telling museums in the world. Mr. President, we look forward to working with you to realize the National Museum of the American People.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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