



THE MOST IMPORTANT AMERICAN MUSEUM THAT DOESN'T EXIST...*YET.*

National Museum of the **AMERICAN PEOPLE**

April 18, 2012

The Honorable _____
Washington, DC 20015

Please Co-sponsor House Congressional Resolution 63; Support Creation of the National Museum of the American People

Dear Congressman _____

We represent the vast array of ethnic and cultural American groups who have come together to support the National Museum of the American People. We strongly urge you to become a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 63, a bipartisan measure that calls for a bipartisan commission to study establishment of the Museum. The Museum will tell the story of *every* American ethnic and cultural group coming to this land and nation from every corner of the world, from the first people through today.

Our resolution has 31 cosponsors, both Republicans and Democrats, but we want as many Members of Congress as possible to sign on and show their support. We represent virtually every major ethnic and cultural group that has contributed to the making of this great nation, and we believe that *all* of our histories should be included in a national museum in Washington, DC which will tell the story of the making of the American People.

We are not seeking federal appropriations to either fund the study commission or, in the future, to fund the planning, building or operation of this significant new national cultural institution.

Every group of people has made significant contributions to our national heritage. The Museum, telling everyone's migration and immigration story, will embody our original national motto:

E Pluribus Unum – From Many We Are One!

To become a cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 63 (See attached), contact Tim Aiken (tim.aiken@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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