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Councilman Sam Smith
City of Seattle
600 Fourth Avenue
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Dear Councilman Smith:

We were extremely disappointed with the Seattle City Council vote on July 7, 1986 not to include the African American Heritage Museum on the upcoming September bond issue. As you well know over the past 2-3 years, 12,000 signatures have been collected in support of an African American Museum in the Community.

Funding has always been the key to any successful program or facility in our Community. By not including funding for an African American Museum will dampen the enthusiasm of the many voters who have traditionally supported levy and bond issues. While some have stated that this bond issue is complex and that there has been no concrete proposals offered for administrative and financial controls to date, we assert that this aspect can logically be in place after funding is secured by placing the African American Heritage Museum on the upcoming bond issue.

We are encouraging you as President of the Seattle City Council to ask your colleagues to reconsider the negative vote on placing the African American Heritage Museum on the September bond issue.

Thank you very much for you immediate attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Eddie Rye, Jr.
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cc: Mayor Charles Royer
Museum Board