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TO: The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan


August 27, 2013

Dear Minister Farrakhan:

On behalf of the City of Tuskegee, and all of our citizens, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you, to convene The Holy Day of Atonement, which will be in recognition of the commemoration of the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Million Man March" to be held here in the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, the home of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, the birthplace of Rosa Parks, and the home of Tuskegee University, "The Pride of the Swift Growing South". We enthusiastically join with you in welcoming the world, and men and women of courage from everywhere, to participate in this historic occasion, which we view as a continuation of our struggle as a people, for freedom and justice, here in Tuskegee, the State of Alabama, the nation, and the world.

Please know that you can count on our full support, and cooperation, in making the arrangements to make this "Million Man March" celebration, just as successful as the one that was held 18 years ago in the nation's capital, for indeed, we have not forgotten that you are the only man alive who has assembled more than a million men in one place without a single incidence of violence. Honorable Minister, let's do it again, this time in Tuskegee!

Sincerely,

  
Johnny Ford, Mayor  
The City of Tuskegee