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President of the United States  
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September 28, 2012

### **The Reciprocal Dynamic of Tolerance and the Scourge of Modern Slavery**

Dear Mr. President,

Your recent messages with regard to (1) the universal value of Tolerance; and (2) the scourge of Modern Slavery will not resonate at home unless you decide *“to lead it.”*

(1) In your U.N. address of September 25, 2012, you said that *“the attacks of the last two weeks are not simply an assault on America. They're also an assault on the very ideals upon which the United Nations was founded”* You also acknowledged *“the voices of tolerance that rally against bigotry and blasphemy, and lift up the values of understanding and mutual respect.”* You referred to the U.N.’s *“universal values”* yet have not been willing to explicitly embrace the principle of Tolerance – a universal value – as the foundation of the American Republic and the source of American liberty in our many requests for your endorsement of that message since February 2006. (See e.g., our endorsement request on the reverse: *“The principle of Tolerance was adapted by the United Nations under its Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 under Article 26-2: ‘Education...shall promote...tolerance... among all nations, racial or religious groups’.”*)

(2) In your CGI address of September 25, 2012, you talked about *“Our fight against human trafficking is one of the great human rights causes of our time, and the United States will continue to lead it -- in partnership with you”* – and about *“our efforts to combat the scourge of human trafficking which must be called by its true name -- modern slavery... We joined with other nations, in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, so that ‘slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms’.”* Yet, for over a decade *“Modern Slavery”* and *“Slavery in the Atlantic arena from the 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>-centuries”* remain unrecognized as the focal points of our proposed Tolerance Monument which specifically refers to Article 4 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (see the monument’s description as enclosed.)

(3) Even the Pope, on his visit to Beirut on September 14, 2012, said that *“there is always a danger of forgetting a fundamental aspect of liberty: Tolerance for others and the fact that human liberty is always shared liberty...”* Isn’t Tolerance a fundamental aspect of American liberty?

What else can we do in trying to get just one single White House response for a universal value – the **Reciprocal Dynamic of Tolerance** – which is also a fundamental principle in the conception of American freedom. Without such a reply, there is no chance for New York State to accept the visualization of its birthright. It will destroy the vision of a Tolerance Monument in a Tolerance Park for the American people.

You mentioned *“the very ideals upon which the United Nations was founded”* but, much earlier, these were *“the very ideals upon which the United States was founded.”*

Then, if *“the United States will continue to lead it”* and is interested in doing so *“in partnership”* can we get an earnest response from you or the White House?



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September 1, 2012

**Re: The Foundation of American Liberty and One World Trade Center**

Dear Mr. Romney,

In your acceptance speech you mentioned **Religious Freedom** twice. Doubtless, you consider it what it is: **America's most cherished liberty.**

This American liberty became part of the U.S. Constitution in 1791 through the First Amendment – unique therefore as **one of the founding principles of the United States.** It derived from the jurisprudence of **Toleration** (religious tolerance.) The latter, in its pure form, is the cement which holds America's religious mosaic together.

For that reason, we are seeking your overt support for the visualization of this fundamental American value by **having the One World Trade Center skyscraper's height raised by 15 feet to a total height of 1791 feet.**

You may agree that the current height of 1776 feet celebrating political freedom from England is nonsensical.

We look forward to having your support and endorsement for this small but important change as **it reflects a positive promulgation to the world and is unique in the conception of American Freedom** (see letter on the reverse to Mr. Thomson of the Wall Street Journal.)

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am.



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**Re: Protecting the Foundation of American Liberty**

Dear Mr. Romney,

We would much appreciate it if you would read just three paragraphs on the left-hand and right-hand side of [www.TolerancePark.org](http://www.TolerancePark.org). Namely, we are seeking your explicit support for a quintessential American message!

These sections explain **the vital importance of America's most fundamental principle of Tolerance in the conception of American Freedom**. Most probably, you are already familiar with America's jurisprudence of religious tolerance ("Toleration") as a member of a minority religion.

Your understanding and public recognition of that archetypal American virtue would help compose a National Heritage Triangle of America's primary values in New York Harbor by way of three uniquely historic island symbols of great consequence to the nation's enduring ethos.

However, political acceptance for the visualization of this ethic of **religious, ethnic and racial equality** has been wanting (see the reverse.) Furthermore, since February 2006, Senator/President-Elect/President Barack Obama — by way of a simple endorsement — has been unwilling to preserve and protect the Tolerance dynamic as the foundation of American liberty (see e.g., March 18-08/December 8-08 and October 9-09/March 10-11.)

Doubtless, **you could change the political culture of silence in the matter. However, it would require your support for this vital American message through an endorsement.**

May we receive your support or discuss this further with you or a designated appointee?

Looking forward to hearing from you, I am.



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## What and Where is Religious and Racial Freedom?

**The lawful right to Religious, Ethnic and Racial Freedom is unique to the United States of America. It lies at the foundation of America as a secular democratic republic wherein all religions, ethnicities and races are “equal and free.”**

**(1) Religious Tolerance—a reciprocal dynamic**—politically recognizes and accepts diversity of faith which ensures freedom of conscience in religion for all.<sup>(1)</sup> However, by politically elevating a religion as a “privileged” or “preferred” religion, the other religious groups are per definition secondary and their followers **not** “equal and free.”

By abolishing and rejecting an establishment of religion—whether state, privileged or preferred—all religious devotees are “**equal and free**” under the Constitution.<sup>(2)</sup>

**Religious Freedom is thus composed of (a) the unique Constitutional right to religious tolerance<sup>(1)</sup> and, (b) the unique Constitutional abolishment of a privileged, preferred or state religion.<sup>(2)</sup>**

**(2) Ethnic or Racial Tolerance—a reciprocal dynamic**—politically recognizes and accepts ethnic or racial diversity which ensures freedom of mobility for all.<sup>(3)</sup> However, by politically elevating one race or ethnicity as preferred or privileged (hence superior), other ethnic groups are per definition inferior and their members **not** “equal and free.”

By abolishing and rejecting any State laws that entail or allude to the existence of a superior race or ethnicity, all members of racial and ethnic groups are “**equal and free**” under the Constitution.<sup>(4)</sup> and <sup>(5)</sup>

**Ethnic or Racial Freedom is thus composed of (a) the unique Constitutional right to ethnic and racial tolerance<sup>(3)</sup> and (b) the unique Constitutional abolishment of any privileged, preferred or superior ethnicity or race.<sup>(4), (5)</sup>**

**Ongoing political acceptance and understanding of the reciprocal notion of tolerance as America’s eternal value in the conception of American freedom-for-all is imperative in accentuating that all religious, ethnic and racial groups and its members are equal and free under the Constitution.**

Political unwillingness or reluctance to explicitly recognize this quintessential American precept of tolerance condones the veiled existence of a superior race, preferred ethnicity or privileged religion. It rejects America’s ultimate virtue—also a universal value—through political silence or expediency thus aiding in the perpetuation of mankind’s natural tendency to discriminate or to conceal the existence of bigotry, unworthy to America’s ethos.

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<sup>(1)</sup> **(The Jurisprudence of Toleration in the NY Tri-State Region—Governors Island, 1624)**

“Everyone shall remain free in religion and no one may be persecuted or investigated because of religion”...Settlers were to attract the natives and non-believers to God’s word “through attitude and by example...without, on the other hand, to persecute someone by reason of his religion and to leave everyone the freedom of his conscience.”

<sup>(2)</sup> **(Bill of Rights—First Amendment in 1791: Abolishment of Religious Establishments in the Original Thirteen United States)** “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

**(Bill of Rights—14<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1868)** “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States.”

<sup>(3)</sup> **(Bill of Rights—Abolishment of Slavery and Involuntary Servitude, 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1865)**

“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.”

<sup>(4)</sup> **(Bill of Rights—Abolishment of discriminatory State laws (14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1868)**

“No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

<sup>(5)</sup> **(Bill of Rights—Abolishment of inequitable State laws (15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, 1870)**

“The right...to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”



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March 10, 2011

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**Yoke of Oxen named Tolerance and Liberty pulling Freedom Cart to Eternal Unity**

Dear Mr. President,

Since 1998 we have sought the White House's understanding of the historic significance of **New York State's birthplace and birth year** — Governors Island, 1624.

The dearth of responses may suggest a **White House aversion** to restoring and preserving the Island's national symbolism through the visualization of its innate message which is vital in the definition and defense of American Freedom.

During these years we've solicited interest by focusing on (i) educating three key jurisdictions — Washington, DC; Albany, NY; and New York City — and (ii) seeking POLITICAL

- (1) recognition of Governors Island as the New World's location on which the jurisprudence of toleration (religious tolerance) as an individual liberty was placed first in the year 1624;
- (2) acknowledgment that, with respect to religion, ethnicity and race, the reciprocal dynamic of Tolerance is the antecedent of Liberty-for-all — that therefore the precepts Tolerance and Liberty are conjoined in the conception of American Freedom;
- (3) acceptance of Governors Island's historic message which, when politically exposed, would confirm that Tolerance is the Lifeblood-of-American-Liberty;
- (4) appreciation of the Island's **unique** place in American history as the best planned landing — out of three principal seventeenth-century European landings on North America's East Coast — that brought an enduring message of jurisprudential and cultural substance to North America and which is of profound 21st-century relevance and meaning;
- (5) endorsement of the Island's national symbolism in order to compose a triad of iconic island symbols in New York Harbor portraying Welcome (i.e., Ellis Island — American Immigration Museum) as the thematic result of Liberty (i.e., Liberty Island — Statue of Liberty) and Liberty as the thematic product of Tolerance (i.e., Governors Island — with Barnett Newman's 150 feet high iconic image as centerpiece of the Tolerance Park;); and
- (6) support for instilling confidence in the dependable and binding power of Tolerance as indispensable in the concept of American Freedom by visually revealing the Island's innate theme of national import and symbolic worth to humanity thus composing a harbor tableau of primary iconic values: The National Heritage Triangle ([www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com](http://www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com))

We hope that the above synopsis of the rationale for the reutilization of the **State's birthplace** as a destination-for-all-Americans may help you collaborate and cooperate keenly across jurisdictions in order to determine the efficacy of the envisaged National Heritage Triangle tableau.



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October 9, 2009

**Tolerance in Tomorrow**

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on today's announcement that you have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. You deserve it as will be proven to mankind by the end of your presidency.

Doubtless, you will use this Prize to the greatest effect in the broad definition of world peace and in benefitting human freedom. **The Prize will give you further credence and moral authority in your commitment to redefine America's relationship to the world.**

In the past we have asked you for only **your endorsement of a universal value** which also happens to be a Constitutional right. Our goal is to have this civil and political ethic – tolerance – visualized on Governors Island in New York harbor because it is not only America's ultimate virtue and a central part of contemporary culture but also a legal-political imperative and critical to the success of America's, if not mankind's future. As part of the *"foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,"* the just precept of tolerance was adapted by the United Nations under its Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 under Article 26-2:

**"Education...shall promote...tolerance...among all nations, racial or religious groups."**

**We are sure that you will concur with the notion that tolerance is an active and moral dynamic in American freedom and entails reciprocity and reciprocal respect. The twin credos of tolerance and liberty thus comprise the conception of American freedom.**

We need **your endorsement of this ethical force** of tolerance which defines, sets limits and gives meaning to an otherwise undemanding "generic" or "static" liberty. **Without your endorsement for the adhesive that dynamically shapes America's living mosaic, it would be hard to convince just three men at the state level to act in the interest of the national public and educational good.**

Your receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize is fully compatible with your endorsement of this human ethic which would help foster a fraternity of nations while **extolling America's vital role in advancing liberty in the world through the moral force of tolerance.**

Will you give us your endorsement for this quintessentially American precept?



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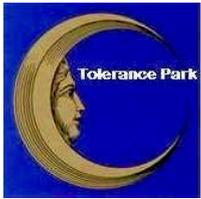
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**The Dynamic Values of Religious, Ethnic and Racial Tolerance**  
**—the Lifeblood of American Liberty—**  
**Unite Us in Freedom**

Dear President-Elect Obama,

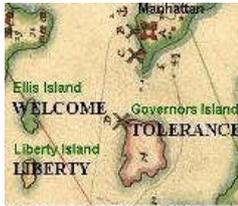
Until January 20, 2009, you have no restrictions on **endorsing** the visualization of a vital **national** message\*\* which is America's ultimate virtue and innate to the conception of American freedom.

You are now no longer just a **state** senator but a person of **national** stature – albeit not the President as yet. This allows you to consider **as President-Elect** the composition of a National Heritage Triangle of America's fundamental symbols in New York Harbor.

Your understanding and support for this latest national Island Symbol with **the message of Tolerance which leads the Island Symbol of Liberty (i.e., in an intolerant society liberty is not possible)** would be greatly appreciated. It would help facilitate a New York State legislative response to recognizing the Island's historic national value by accepting the Tolerance Monument as centerpiece of the 50-acre Tolerance Park on Governors Island.

May we please put your name "**President-Elect Barack H. Obama**" on the Foundation's mission statement on [www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com](http://www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com)?

We look forward to having your positive consideration.



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cc: VP-Elect Joseph Biden, Jr.; The Hon. Rahm Emanuel; Mr. John Podesta; Mr. Peter Rouse; Mr. David Axelrod; Ms. Valerie Jarrett

**\*\*The precept of Tolerance as moral force in the understanding of [American] Freedom is a pro-active process. It transforms peaceably pre-modern values and beliefs held in certain societal segments to modern Western values, norms and customs.**

*As a dynamic notion in the conception of [American] Freedom, Tolerance engenders debate about ever-present differences in cultural norms and values.*

*As a state of mind, Tolerance is about mutual understanding, respect and full acceptance.*

*Cultural values and practices imposed on individuals by groups based on exclusionary or confining aspects of religious, ethnic and racial behavior are subordinate to individual rights given and protected by the state and may even be unlawful. For example, it is religious belief, not religious conduct, which is protected by the First Amendment.*

*In an intolerant society liberty is meaningless. Only through broad awareness and conscious vigilance can Tolerance sustain liberty.*

*Tolerance is the realization that postmodern humanity is determined by crucial themes of normative differences (tolerances) as standard deviation of the mean—Freedom.*

*Tolerance is a universal value and was adopted by the United Nations as a human right under its Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.*

\* THE TOLERANCE PARK FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL HERITAGE TRIANGLE ENCOMPASSING AMERICA'S THREE PRIMARY VALUES IN NEW YORK HARBOR. ITS CORE MISSION IS TO PROTECT GOVERNORS ISLAND—NEW YORK STATE'S BIRTHPLACE—AS THE NATION'S OLDEST NATURAL HISTORIC SYMBOL (1624) BY RESTORING THE ISLAND TO ITS HISTORICAL INTEGRITY AND SUSTAINING ITS VITAL MESSAGE OF TOLERANCE AS AN ETHICAL FORCE AND MORAL DYNAMIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS: **THE LIFEBLOOD OF AMERICAN LIBERTY.**

United States Senator and Democratic Party Presidential-Candidate Barack Obama

Dear Senator Obama,

March 18, 2008

This is to request your endorsement of the Foundation's mission *prior* to your election to Democratic President.

You said in 2005 that you wanted to "*distill what I know in my gut in ways that can be franchised, that can be taken by other people and used in their campaigns and that the Democratic Party can use more broadly to win elections.*" From my previous correspondence to you, you understand that the notion of [religious, ethnic and racial] Tolerance as equal partner with [static] Liberty can be franchised because of its importance in the conception of American Freedom. As Liberty has already been visualized in New York Harbor we plan to visualize its twin – Tolerance – in New York Harbor. Together with Ellis Island (the American Immigration Museum) these three island symbols will compose the National Heritage Triangle of America's primary values.

Attaining the Tolerance Monument is a political process requiring political endorsements. Your endorsement, therefore, will be vital and may thus be placed on [www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com](http://www.NationalHeritageTriangle.com).

We look forward to hearing from you ([President@TolerancePark.org](mailto:President@TolerancePark.org)).

Sincerely,

Joep de Koning

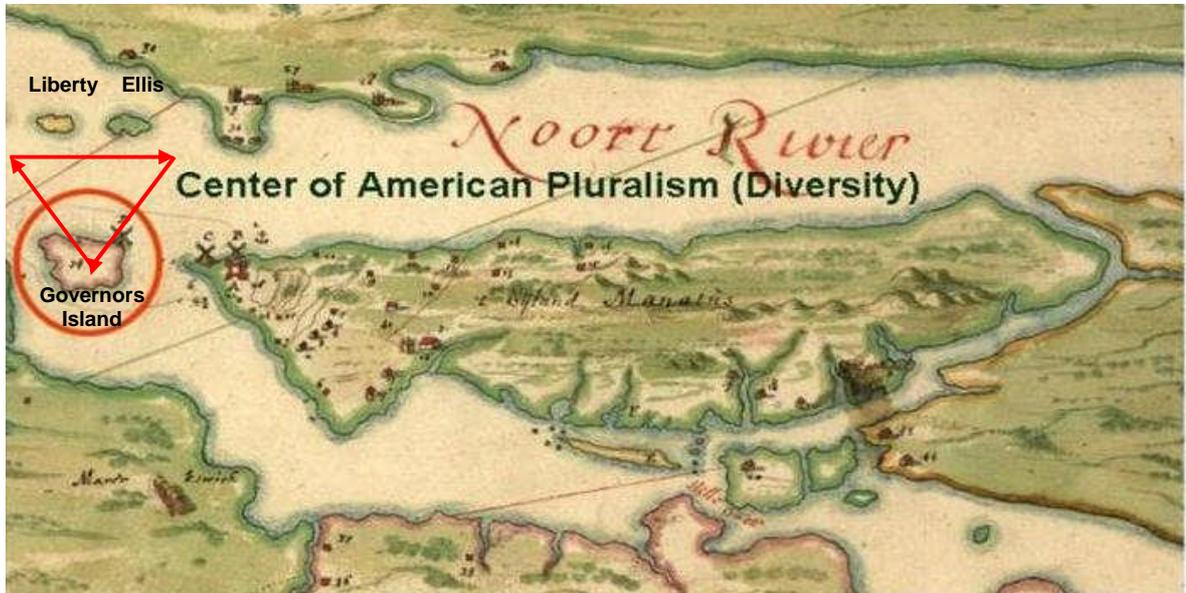
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cc: The Hon. Chris van Hollen, Chairman, Democratic CCC



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**Source of American Pluralism**  
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