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September 15, 2011

Legislator Betty Jean Grant  
7<sup>th</sup> District  
790 East Delavan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14215

Dear Legislator Grant:

We thank the County Executive for his recommendation for the African American Cultural Center to purchase a mobile performing stage.

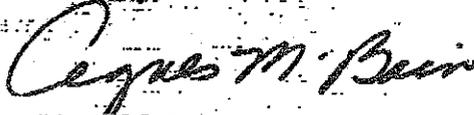
However, we would appreciate it if consideration would be given to the items that were listed which are our priority that would help the agency tremendously for the capital improvement:

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| 1. Steel Doors (4)                             | 6,500  |
| 2. Upgrade of electrical system in the theatre | 5,000  |
| 3. Security System                             | 3,000  |
| 4. Rug for theatre floor                       | 1,500  |
| 5. Collapsible risers                          | 30,000 |

Our facility (which we own) is extremely old and in dire need of capital improvement. The aforementioned items total \$46,000. We do not know what problems we would run into when the repairs are facilitated. We would request that the remaining \$4,000 be utilized as a reserve in case we have to go over the budget line.

Any consideration given to this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Agnes M. Bain  
Executive Director

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Performance  
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Paul  
Robeson  
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Jambalaya  
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Program

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Dear Legislators:  
 We thank the County Executive for his recommendation for the African American Cultural Center to purchase a mobile recording stage.  
 However, we would appreciate it if consideration would be given to the items that were listed which are our priority that would help the agency tremendously for the capital improvement.  
 Our facility (which we own) is extremely old and in dire need of capital improvement. The recommendations listed below are what we would like to see in this year's budget. We do not know what problems we would run into when we have to go over the budget line.  
 Any consideration given to this request would be greatly appreciated.

1. Steel Doors (4)	6,500
2. Upgrade of electrical system in the theatre	5,000
3. Security System	3,000
4. Ring for theatre floor	1,500
5. Collapsible stairs	30,000

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June 8, 2011

The Honorable Chris Collins, County Executive  
95 Franklin Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Mr. Collins:

The African American Cultural Center was founded in 1958 and today serves more than 3000 children and families in the heart of urban Buffalo, New York.

For more than 53 years, our programs and services have been a viable and critical resource for enhancing social behavior among African American youth through multidisciplinary training in the arts.

In keeping with our founding mission, our core programs – the AACC Dance and Drum Performance Company, Paul Robeson Theatre, Jumpin' Jambalaya Summer Program, Cultural Enrichment/Educational Directives for After School Program and Pine Grill Jazz Reunion, and sponsor 22 special programs that are presented throughout our community all of which – promote an appreciation and greater understanding of African American history and experience.

We are currently in need of funds for critically needed improvements to our physical plant at 350 Masten Avenue, which we have owned since 1969.

Funding to address the line items listed below will enable this agency to provide greater safety and comfort for existing patrons and clients. More importantly, it would also enable us to pursue audience development and capacity building strategies that will support a greater self-sufficiency.

We are in need of funding for

Steel Doors (4)	\$ 6,500
Upgrade of electrical system in the theatre	\$ 5,000
Security System	\$ 3,000
Rug for theatre floor	\$ 1,500
Collapsible risers	\$30,000
Mobile Performing Stage	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$96,000</b>