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Dear Mr. Shaheed:

On behalf of the Islamic Association of Tarrant County I am delighted to express with enthusiasm our support for the "Traveling Exhibition of Timbuktu," coming to Fort Worth, Texas. The exhibit is unique in its kind because it will provide an opportunity for the people of North Texas in general and the citizens of Fort Worth to experience the rich West African heritage and culture that have directly and indirectly influenced America and the world.

The exhibit will allow North Texans to experience and see West Africa and its descendents as one of the greatest contributors to world civilization and history. I am sure many of the young people will now see and understand the importance of respect for other's culture and heritage. Respect for ethnicity, race and religious freedom is essential in promoting diversity in our pluralistic society.

Again, we are happy to be a part of a collaboration of civic leaders, educational institutions, business leaders, interfaith groups, community leaders, state officials, and local citizens in welcoming Timbuktu to our great city. This type of partnership has resulted in winning formulas for all of us.

Thank you for bringing this exciting educational exhibit to Fort Worth.

Sincerely,

Farid Saiyed
President, Islamic Association of Tarrant County