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Muhsin Shaheed
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Dear Mr. Shaheed:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the Traveling Exhibition on Timbuktu. This program offers insight into a civilization that pre dates slavery in West Africa. It stands as a shining example of the progress, ingenuity and intelligence of a culture of people whose story cries out to be told.

I envision many school children in our district having the opportunity to view the exhibit and be enlightened about their heritage. Please know that I look expectantly to the arrival of this wonderful opportunity to teach our children about the power, pride and progress of one humanity greatest cultures.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Ray
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