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Dear Friends:

I would like to express my support for bringing the innovative new exhibit, "The Legacy of Timbuktu," to Fort Worth. This exhibit displays West Africa's rich intellectual and religious tradition while drawing clear connections to its influence on American culture. I believe it would be a welcome addition to our city's already rich cultural offerings.

In addition to the very clear educational benefit in highlighting this area of world history, West Africa's legacy has a direct relevance to many of my constituents. The exhibit addresses the region's Islamic traditions, the transatlantic slave trade, and the origin of blues music - all of which play a prominent role in American culture.

I understand this exhibit was met with great enthusiasm in its debut opening at Mississippi's International Museum of Muslim Cultures. I believe it would be equally embraced by the discerning art community resident here. As such, I am pleased to support the arrival of this important exhibition to the city of Fort Worth, Texas.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy R. Davis".

Wendy R. Davis
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