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Mr. Mushin Shaheed
P.O. Box 19294
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Mr. Shaheed,

I support bringing "*The Legacy of Timbuktu: Wonders of the Written Word*" traveling exhibition to our community. House District 95, which I serve in the Texas Legislature, is located only several miles east of Fort Worth's cultural district, and I believe my constituents would be interested in visiting this exhibit to gain insight into the cultural heritage of many African-Americans by learning about the rich history of the West African region.

Bringing this exhibit to Fort Worth would meaningfully enhance our community's understanding of the deep literary, economic, and religious tradition that influences African culture. The introduction of manuscripts and African scholarly works for guests to peruse would capture the interest of many, since this is a topic rarely covered in conventional historical education. I believe that honoring these pieces of history and tradition gives my constituents a broadened worldview and fosters a sense of appreciation for history, culture, and the arts. A glimpse into the historical intricacies of life in West Africa would benefit those who seek to gain a bridge of understanding of African culture through the years and how it has brought us to where we are today.

Thank you for your consideration to bring "*The Legacy of Timbuktu: Wonders of the Written Word*" traveling exhibition to Fort Worth. If I may be of further assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to call me in my district office at (817) 339-1430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Veasey".

Marc Veasey
State Representative
House District 95

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