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Prime Minister Robert Mugabe  
Milton Building  
Samora Michel Avenue  
Harare, Zimbabwe

Dear Prime Minister Mugabe:


The 30 million Black people in the United States of America are demonstrating a expanding interest in the peoples of Africa. To many of us, this is a welcome and long overdue development. The emergence of the Free South Africa Movement, the leadership of many Blacks in the recent drought relief efforts, and the Black community's valiant efforts to prevent the sending of U.S. military assistance to UNITA, are among the more visible examples of this enhanced interest.

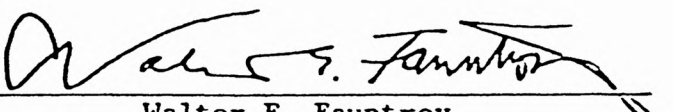
The 21 Black Members of the United States Congress, operating collectively as the Congressional Black Caucus, have taken particular note of the precarious situation which the frontline (SADCC) states face as the external pressure on South Africa is increased. As a result, we would like to open a discussion with the SADCC members regarding how we might be most useful to them.

Attorney Lezli Baskerville, the Executive Director of our National Black Leadership Roundtable, will be coming to Zimbabwe later this month, along with the Reverend Jesse Jackson. Attorney Baskerville will be traveling as our official designee in an effort to get these discussions underway. We are especially eager for Attorney Baskerville to speak with your official representative to the SADCC and would greatly appreciate any effort which you may take to facilitate such a meeting. Our representative will contact your secretary upon arriving in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Please accept, our sincere wishes for your own good health and for the prosperity of Zimbabwe.

Very truly yours,

  
Mickey Leland  
Member of Congress

  
Walter E. Fauntroy  
Member of Congress