

The Coalition for the Exoneration of Marcus Garvey

After an historic response from supporters, members of the Coalition for the Exoneration of Marcus Garvey delivered more than 10,000 signatures for the exoneration of the Right Honorable Marcus Garvey to Representative Frederica Wilson's office.

The petition states:

We, the undersigned, are requesting the assistance of our representatives in reintroducing the resolution with the following change in the wording: "Expressing the sense of the Congress that the President should exonerate Marcus Mosiah Garvey to clear his name and affirm his innocence of crimes for which he was unjustly prosecuted and convicted." We urge Congress to take action and reintroduce H.Con. Res. 24 to exonerate Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

Marcus Garvey, founder of the UNIA, was arrested On January 12, 1922, by the Bureau of Investigation and charged with mail fraud. In 1925, Marcus Garvey began serving a five-year sentence in the US penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia. After several appeals, his sentence was eventually commuted by President Calvin Coolidge, and he was deported to Jamaica.