

**Statement from Members of the Green Family, Harriet Tubman's Maternal Family
Philadelphia's Permanent Harriet Tubman Statue**

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We believe Mr. Wofford is an excellent choice for creating the permanent statue of Harriet Tubman. We agree that a call to artists may have provided an opportunity for an artist of color, but support Wesley Wofford receiving the commission. The Family has conducted a review of Mr. Wofford's experience and knowledge in creating sculptures and we feel he evokes a presence of reality into the past and a vision for the future. We loved the way Mr. Wofford captured Harriet's strength, compassion, love and emotion in *The Journey to Freedom*. When we looked at *The Journey to Freedom*, it provoked an enduring love for her vision, perseverance, and faith to free hundreds of enslaved African Americans.

We do not want anyone to feel negative about Mr. Wofford. Harriet Tubman worked with people of all races who were like minded, and Mr. Wofford is like minded. Harriet Tubman stood for people of all races, including fighting a long journey to free enslaved African Americans.

The Family desires the statue to be created in a dignified and peaceful manner for all to enjoy and celebrate Harriet Tubman's Greatest Achievement in helping to free hundreds and hundreds of enslaved people