Mr. Donald W. Pinder President of the Harriet Tubman Organization Inc. March 22, 2009

I would like to introduce to you this morning a woman called Harriet Tubman born in a new land founded on social, economical, and religious freedoms. The tragedies of her life and legacy would test morality and serious issues, such as justice, injustice, religious beliefs, family relationships and changing the difference of the hope and fear.

But who would know when life would change, by the deeds and works of one individual who would risk the most valuable resource she had. For a great number of years she worked tirelessly to improve the life of others by changing and molding our society and by helping to propel it into a positive moral and sensible direction.

The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Park would complete her spiritual journey and show the citizens of the United States that a personal achievement can be seen centuries after life ends here on earth. This new park would remind our youth and older generations that freedom should not be taken for granted. It is a word that represents truth and respect of rights, but this freedom would have consequences and rewards. This would be a monumental structure that would be used to tell all people that truth and justice do stand tall and can be seen all around the world. The new park will connect the past, present, and future into an educational experience that can be shared by everyone.