

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 5, 2026

Jessica Bowron  
Acting Director  
National Park Service (NPS)  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Bowron,

During the night of Tuesday, June 2, an unidentified individual committed an act of arson at the Museum of African American History Boston-Nantucket in Boston, Massachusetts, a National Historic Site operated in partnership with the National Park Service. This individual opened up a package that contained materials meant for the Museum's celebration of Juneteenth, a holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and set the package on fire. We urge the National Park Service (NPS) to do all it can to investigate this incident and to cooperate with all full transparency with the Museum and local law enforcement partners, including by sharing any relevant security footage.

The Museum of African American History Boston-Nantucket operates the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill, which is the oldest existing Black church building in the country. Museum staff and visitors are understandably alarmed by this incident—both for the parallel it draws to hate crimes against Black activism and Black churches throughout history, and for the immediate security risk it poses to their organization and the historic neighborhood around the Museum. Your public commitment to investigating this incident and your collaboration with the Museum will be critical to address these fears and secure a resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



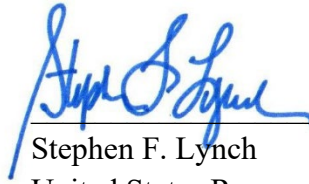
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