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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Boston, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the NAACP Boston Branch's Freedom Fund Dinner, one of the city's most important annual events. It is an honor to celebrate this year's theme, "Advancing Civil Rights in the City of Boston: From Mission Moments to Transformative Moments."

The work of both the national NAACP as well as the country's oldest local chapter here in Boston is vital to the well-being of our country and our city. The work of dismantling systemic racism is as important as it has ever been, as we struggle once again with a newfound urgency with issues of equity and fairness. My administration is committed to this work.

I look forward to continuing to work with the NAACP and everyone in this room tonight toward understanding, healing and policy change. I appreciate the continued partnership of the community leaders who make up this proud organization, and look forward to standing with you shoulder to shoulder as we move forward toward social and economic justice.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening and many years of progress to come.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston