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RE: Letter of Apology - September 27, 2016

Messrs. Moore and Buckner:

I cannot in good conscience accept your apology for the unlawful actions of the arresting officers yesterday by the Arkansas Arts Center. I also cannot accept the disparate treatment of my colleague Mr. Omavi Shukur. I appreciate your effort to address the matter by providing further training to your officers. However, you must also recognize the issue of racial bias that is pervasive in some quarters of the police department. It happens that the two officers who arrested us yesterday were white. The black officers did not speak to us and appeared to be taking orders. I understand that this may due to seniority but it still has a grave negative impact on the Little Rock black community's relationship with the LRPD, of which our arrest is but one example.

In solidarity with the accused

John W. Walker