

How To Petition the President at “We The People...”

The First Amendment gives all Americans the right to “petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

So in the age of the Internet, the Obama White House has created a petition website to make it easy to exercise that right. The “We the People...” website:

<https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/>

offers a place to post petitions and sign them if you agree. Any petition that gets enough support, currently 100,000 signatures, will automatically receive a an official response. Petitions must be short to meet the website guidelines.

The Skanner News decided to post the following petition:

“A Marshall Plan for Black America”

African Americans as a group remain enormously disadvantaged in the United States of America.

The 2010 census showed that the median wealth owned by White families was \$110,000, yet an average Black family owns less than \$5,000.

Black unemployment is generally twice that of Whites. In fact, racial disparities, rooted in America’s shameful history of slavery and discrimination, affect every major economic indicator, as well as health and education outcomes.

America has failed to live up to its promise of equal opportunities for all. This wrong must be put right.

After WWII, the Marshall Plan rebuilt Europe. We call on President Obama to create “A Marshall Plan for Black America.”

We ask the president to fund a grass-roots economic development plan that will create true equality for all.

