



## *The Amistad Committee, Inc.*

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"All We Want Is Make Us Free"  
Sengbe Pieh (Joseph Cinque)  
City Hall of New Haven  
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Dear Ms. McCalla:

At a recent meeting, the Connecticut Freedom Trail Committee agreed upon desirability of having a site in Hebron become a part of Connecticut's Freedom Trail. The rescue in 1787 of Cesar and Lowis Peters, the Reverend Samuel Peter's slaves, by a group of concerned townspeople is one of the most dramatic and unique freedom stories in our state's history. It is a story that should be better known, an important event from Hebron's past that should take the place it deserves on the Freedom Trail.

The Freedom Trail is made up of specific sites related to people and events associated with the heritage and movement towards freedom of its African American citizens. The question of which site in Hebron best represents the story of Cesar and Lowis Peters will have to be determined locally.

We understand that the future of the Reverend Samuel Peters House is an issue that concerns many people in your community and that there is some controversy about the degree to which the house is actually connected to the story of Cesar and Lowis Peters. It is not the Freedom Trail Committee's role to become involved in what is a local question, certainly the committee does not want to do anything that would detract from the Hebron's determination to arrive at a constructive plan for the Peters House.

While the Connecticut General Assembly authorized the development of the Freedom Trail in 1995, the growth and success of the trail has come about largely through the dedication of local organizations. We hope that Hebron will join the forty-two Connecticut towns and 100 sites already on the Freedom Trail.

If you have any questions or wish further information, please contact Robert P. Forbes at 203-387-8593 or by e-mail at <[robert.forbes@uconn.edu](mailto:robert.forbes@uconn.edu)> for further information.

Sincerely yours,

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