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Liberian Ambassador Olympic Athletes



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Washington, DC - August 19, 2024: The Ambassador of Liberia to the United States of America, His Excellency Jeff Gongoer Dowana Sr., Is calling for unity and support for the Liberian Olympic contingent of the 2024 Paris Olympics. Despite not securing any medals, the Ambassador commends the eight athletes for their resilience and encourages them to persevere in their pursuit of excellence.

Ambassador Dowana extends special acknowledgment to the Liberian Americans among the athletes, highlighting their dual heritage and the strong bond they share with their motherland. The Liberian American athletes are Joseph Fahnbulleh, Emmanuel Matadi, Thelma Davies and Ebony Morrison. Others are Destiny Smith-Barnett, John Sherman, Akeem Sirleaf, and Jabez Reeves.

Emphasizing the importance of community support, the Ambassador urges all Liberians, especially those residing in America, to come together and establish a special fund to provide financial and moral assistance to the athletes.

This call to action seeks to rally the Liberian diaspora and local communities in a show of solidarity and encouragement for the athletes who represented Liberia on the global stage. The establishment will ensure that the athletes have the necessary resources and support to continue their training and excel in future international competitions.

The Ambassador emphasizes the significance of perseverance and determination in the face of challenges, reminding the athletes that their journey is not defined by a single competition but by their resilience and dedication to their craft.

As Liberia looks towards the future, the Ambassador's message serves as a rallying cry for all citizens to stand behind their athletes, recognizing their efforts and celebrating their representation of the nation on the global stage. With a shared commitment to supporting and uplifting the next generation of Liberian athletes, the nation stands united in its quest for sporting excellence and national pride.

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