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President George T. French, PhD  
CAU Board of Trustees  
Clark Atlanta University  
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Dear President French and Members of the Board of Trustees,

This letter comes to you in support of naming the Department of Political Science after Dr. Mack H. Jones. Mack, as we affectionately call him was my professor, mentor, task master and friend. I met Mack in 1980 and from the start I was impressed with his professionalism, drive and commitment to develop scholars in political science through the lens of the Black experience throughout the African Diaspora.

Mack is a nationally recognized political scientist who has mentored so many young people from all types of institutions in the United States and Africa. He is one of the most talented scholars I have ever met. Mack played a major role in all of our lives that continues to this very day.

One of my first courses under Mack was “Scope and Methods of Political Inquiry”. I was terrified! We had so much material to cover, the expectations were high and the class was large. The class numbers dwindled to a handful by the end of the semester, but we were ready for the rigors of the program.

Mack was a carefully focused professor, who was well organized and disciplined, he taught by example and what an example he was.

I would not have been able to all of the things I was able to do for my family, community and professionally had it not been for Mack and the Department of Political Science at Atlanta University/CAU. Naming the department after Mack is fitting, inspirational and frames the department as a transformational space for those interested political activism, scholarship, research and teaching.

Sincerely,

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