

October 28, 2020

Clair Zamoiski Segal, Chair
Baltimore Museum of Art
10 Art Museum Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218-3898

Dear Ms. Segal,

As past presidents of the Association of Art Museum Directors, we affirm our support of yesterday's statement by AAMD President Brent Benjamin that "the funds for...long-term needs—or ambitious goals...must not come from the sale of deaccessioned art", and urge the Baltimore Museum of Art to reconsider its planned sale of artworks this evening.

Sincerely yours,

Maxwell L. Anderson, Former Director, Whitney Museum of American Art
Gail Andrews, Former Director, Birmingham Museum of Art
James Ballinger, Former Director, Phoenix Art Museum
Michael Conforti, Former Director, Clark Art Institute
Brian Ferriso, Director, Portland Art Museum
Lori Fogarty, Director, Oakland Museum of California
Madeleine Grynsztejn, Director, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
Arnold Lehman, Director Emeritus, Brooklyn Museum
Mary Sue Sweeney Price, Former Director, The Newark Museum of Art
Katharine Lee Reid, Former Director, Cleveland Museum of Art
Kimerly Rorschach, Former Director, Seattle Art Museum
Timothy Rub, Director, Philadelphia Museum of Art
Matthew Teitelbaum, Director, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Susan Taylor, Director, New Orleans Museum of Art
(Signatories as of 12 noon on October 28th)

Cc: Brent R. Benjamin, President, Association of Art Museum Directors; Director, Saint Louis Art Museum