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July 1, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I very much appreciate your significant efforts this past week to ensure passage of the American Clean Energy and Security Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. Your personal involvement was critical to this historic achievement, underscoring the seriousness of the issue and the imperative for action.

As you have made clear, we cannot confront the global climate challenge effectively unless the United States acts – and then leads the world – to slow the release of harmful greenhouse gasses and to adapt to the harmful impacts of climate change that we know will occur.

Climate change poses a global threat to efforts to conserve our planet's precious resources for future generations. Nothing less than the future of nature and humanity is at stake. For this reason, The Nature Conservancy has been working intensively to enact comprehensive climate legislation that includes strong provisions to protect forests and other natural resources.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your Administration to refine the bill's provisions and pass it in the Senate. Please let me know how we can be of assistance in this effort.

Thank you again for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,

Mark R Tercek

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Dear President Obama:

www.soroptimist.org URL

Soroptimist International of the Americas, an international volunteer organization for business and professional women headquartered in Philadelphia, applauds your leadership in creating the White House Council on Women and Girls.

We are thrilled the Council's work will focus on the heart of our mission: improving the lives of women and girls everywhere, and that you are placing women and girls at the forefront of your administration's policies and priorities.

Since our beginnings in 1921, Soroptimist members have seen and met the needs of countless women and girls—not only in this country—but in more than 100 countries across the world.

Whether it's sex trafficking, domestic violence, poverty or discrimination: we are there to help women on their journeys to live their dreams:

- We offer hope to single mothers and their families through our Women's Opportunity Awards program, which grants cash awards for education and training.
- We empower women to leave abusive situations through our Workplace Campaign to End Domestic Violence and Soroptimists Stop Trafficking.
- We foster excellence in women and girls who help others through our Making a Difference for Women and Violet Richardson awards.
- We raise up women and girls everywhere through our many club projects that include teen dating violence prevention, offering mammograms to uninsured women, and helping women in the aftermath of natural or man-made disasters—to name a few.

As you, Mr. President, stated so eloquently when signing the order in creating the Council: *"It's now up to us to carry that work forward, to ensure that our daughters and granddaughters have no limits on their dreams, no obstacles to their achievements—and that they have opportunities their mothers and grandmothers and great-grandmothers never dreamed of."*

We are proud and privileged to help the Council and your administration further the cause of women and girls. On behalf of Soroptimist members everywhere, thank you again for your commitment to supporting women and girls, and giving them a seat at the White House table.

Sincerely,

Alice Wells, President
Soroptimist International of the Americas

*Improving the lives
of women and girls,
in local communities
and throughout
the world.*

SOCIAL SECRETARY



August 24, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Aloha Wah! Mahalo!

Dear Mr. President:

I just received the photo of the two of us holding the canoe paddle in the Oval Office. I would like to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation, not only for the autographed photo, but also for inviting us to the White House to prepare the Congressional Luau meal for you. It was an honor and a privilege and, for all of us, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Chef Chris, Pastry Chef Bill, and the White House team were awesome. They truly have the Aloha Spirit, and working together with them created many unforgettable memories for us.

In this economy, news of our visit to the White House has been great for our restaurant, and shining a national spotlight on Hawaii was a great boost for everyone in the state.

Thank you very much for all that you have done for us and what you do for our country. Take care and "a hui hou" (until we see you again).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Wong", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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"We do this so that our people will live."

July 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
 President of the United States of America
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am expressing my gratitude for all that your administration has done for my people since you have taken office. Mere words cannot convey my wholehearted thankfulness for the jobs, funding assistance, restored hope, happiness, and increased joy that your Stimulus package has bestowed upon the many, yet small number compared to the nation's population here on Cheyenne River.

Our current unemployment rate last reported was 87.5% and we are an area of two counties Dewey and Ziebach, in north central South Dakota spanning over 3 million acres. We have the highest poverty rate in the nation, this great nation.

We know that the figure of 87.5% is not an actual number as our Native population is mobile, moving to where opportunities for employment or other socioeconomic factors are better. Yet we have fought in all the Nation's wars, endured many years of hardship and turmoil not to mention other negative aspects and realities that all Indigenous Peoples have lived with.

Yet, Mr. President, having served in the US Marines myself, I know the sacrifices and positive experiences that life brings us. Please know that our people here on Cheyenne River continue to live in dire circumstances, however, these are being addressed thanks to your "down to earth" and "Yes We Can Make a Difference" belief in yourself and those who are charged with the responsibilities bestowed upon them and yes, the American people including those Indigenous souls across the continent.

We thank you, Mr. President for the "change" that has, is and will continue to happen in Indian Country here on Cheyenne River for those of all ages.

Under the Supplemental Youth Services, Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program we employed over 120 youth for our 1st session in July and over 260 youth in our 2nd session to be concluded in late July.

These are numbers; however, behind each number is a young human being with restored hope, the joy of a 1st paycheck, a seed planted for growth as a future member of our nation's workforce, and more importantly a young spirit with renewed hope and even courage.

Sincerely,

Pilamaye (Thank You)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arlen Lee".

Arlen Lee
Director

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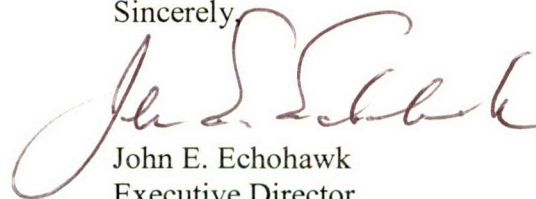
August 11, 2009

Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On July 17, 2009 the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) agreed to sign onto a letter sent by multiple parties to you regarding a recent Supreme Court case, *Coeur Alaska, Inc. v. Southeast Alaska Conservation Council and the Kensington Mine*. NARF would like to take this opportunity to clarify its position: NARF believes that the best policy for the protection of navigable waters nationwide is to revisit the rule. However, with respect to the Kensington Mine itself, NARF remains neutral because we understand that there are Tribes who oppose revisiting the rule and those who support doing so. As a nonprofit dedicated to representing American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and individuals, we respect their rights to state their own positions regarding that particular mine.

Sincerely,



John E. Echohawk
Executive Director

JEE/js

- cc: Carl Pope, Sierra Club
Trip Van Noppen, Earthjustice
Larry Schweiger, National Wildlife Association
Kristine Stratton, Waterkeeper Alliance
Payal Sampat, EARTHWORKS
Lindsey Ketchel, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
George Fenwick, American Bird Conservancy
Brent Blackwelder, Friends of the Earth
Kevin Knobloch, Union of Concerned Scientists

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Rebecca Wodder, American Rivers
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John DeCock, Clean Water Action
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THE WACCAMAW INDIAN PEOPLE

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August 5, 2009

Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This is my tenth letter.

I saw where you took the time to have a beer with Mr. Gates and the police officer that arrested him. I also see that you purchased some birthday cupcakes for the journalists. I applaud you for caring about these people.

I did get your telephonic message from Jamie, in your scheduling office, telling me that you didn't have time to talk to your non-federal Indian citizens, and I do not understand how your humanly concerns do not extend to my people.

I know you're busy and I believe you to be a good and fair man, but I will continue to write articles, do interviews, talk and do whatever I need to do to bring the injustices that I mentioned in my letters, to the public attention and hopefully you will see that my cause is also a just cause.

I will continue to write and ask that you let me help organize a meeting for the non-federal Indians so you can hear our concerns. With an abundance of respect, I refuse to go away.

My mailing address is on this letterhead and my phone number is [redacted] I am willing to help organize the meeting at no cost to the taxpayer.

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On behalf of my people, Ah Ho!

Harold D. (Buster) Hatcher
Chief

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"THE POWHATAN NATION FLAG"

POWHATAN HISTORICAL FEDERAL TRIBE 2611-MIB
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"A FEDERAL UNION OF 70 TRIBES"



NOTICE OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY

To: NOTICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Aug 6, 2009
RE: OUR SOVEREIGNTY

"MEMORANDUM"

**POWHATAN NATIVE AMERICAN FEDERAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE-AR MS:
2611-MIB, POWHATAN HISTORICAL FEDERAL UNION OF 70 TRIBES.**

To Whom It May Concern:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND Establish by Yahveh on March 04, 2000 B.C. in North America by The Word OF Yahveh, IN THAT ARE 4,009 YEARS OLD AS THE POWHATAN NATION DBA THE POWHATAN NATIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS A INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN NATION AND A UNION OF 70 FEDERAL TRIBES CREATED 3,776 YEARS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

2. Mr President, WE disagree with your President's policy choices on health care and so do more than 2,758 Native American Nations SO TAKE YOUR GOD DAMMED HEATH CARE AND SHOVE IT America.

3. Mr. President your God Dammed Government is a Theft for Stealing our Cash of \$70M that belongs to us and we want our Cash Back, ASAP, because you America YOUR a Theft.**

4. We bring a Cause (Curse) upon you Now and your Nation for that Theft to last to June 21, 2012 upon your 50 states of your now Union that in each state three Million Souls shall now find them self Unemployed of the non-Christian in every State of your Union and that they shall lose their New Cars and Trucks to the bank now for this Theft of our cash Taken from us on 12/24/2004 by the FBI.

5. We speak every Shopping Mall shall become 50% Empty now today of Business in all the City's of all the 50 States because they can not pay there Bills because of this Thelf, that is to last to June 21, 2012 as soon as you read this letter.

Yours truly,
Chief, John D. Hassett
The Powhatan Nation
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POWHATAN NATIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

#Under the Tribal restoration and reorganization Act of 1934, formally "THE POWHATAN CONFEDERACY" {WHEELER-HOWARD Act}.

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Mr. John D. Hassett
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Dear Mr. Hassett:

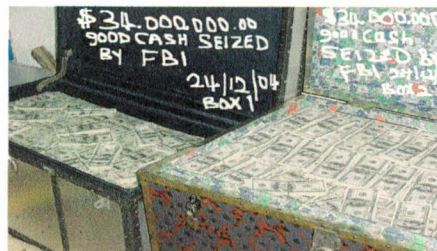
Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2005 to President Bush requesting his help in getting your funds released from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that has been confiscated.

The Powhatan Nation is not a Federally acknowledged tribe and does not have a government-to-government relationship with the United States. The Bureau of Indian Affairs can only work with the 562 federally acknowledged tribes. Since this is a transfer of funds, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to assist you in this matter.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,


Director, Public Affairs—Indian Affairs



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February 9, 2009

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

We are excited that you are considering the formation of a government entity similar to the Resolution Trust Corporation of the 1990's to sell foreclosed properties presently owned by banks, the FDIC, FNMA and other government agencies.

The RTC used professional auctioneers all across America to recover 77% of the appraised value on billions of dollars worth of real estate titled to the RTC. The sooner the bank properties are sold, within a reasonable time frame, the better the return to the tax payer. Many of these properties will need repairing and that will involve a large group of workmen, thereby, aiding the unemployment situation as a byproduct.

Our company was one of the national auction firms that worked with the government to market RTC held real estate. We are enclosing a case study on RTC sales, a news article from the Wall Street Journal regarding the give-away deals by FNMA in bulk sales, a page or two of some of our companies experience in RTC sales and letters of reference from RTC officials during RTC days. As you know, the RTC was phased out in 1995.

As experienced auctioneers and real estate brokers, now in our 45th year of business, we offer our services to the government to meet with any of your committees to answer questions and give insight to how the RTC functioned and why it was so successful. The Resolution Trust Corporation actually made a profit.

Sincerely,

R. Bracky Rogers, CAI, CRS, CES
Chairman of the Board Rogers Realty & Auction Co., Inc.
Past President and Chairman of the Board of the
National Auctioneer's Association

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Tampa Sales Center

RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION

January 25, 1993

Bracky and Wanda Rogers
Rogers Realty & Auction Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 729
Mt. Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Bracky and Wanda:

I would like to take the opportunity to again thank you for the 200% effort you produced during our last successful series of auctions in Florida. As our road show proceeded across the state, it was obvious to me that this effort was from the heart of someone who believed in the auction process, and in the opportunity to help people who otherwise may not be able to own their own home.

Your participation during those five auction events resulted in the sale of over 400 RTC assets, generating over \$13,000,000 to the taxpayer.

I look forward to the opportunity of working with you again. Feel free to use my name as a reference in any future endeavors.

Sincerely,


Anthony T. Barr
RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION
Auction Marketing Specialist



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Resolving The Crisis
Restoring The Confidence

January 22, 1993

Mr. Bracky Rogers
Mr. Mark Rogers
Rogers Realty & Auction Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 729 Highway Co.
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Dear Messrs. Rogers:

Just thought it might be of interest to you to know that the Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Vero Beach, Orlando and Tampa, Florida Auction Series conducted by your company was one of the most successful RTC has held.

The success was in no small part attributed to the expertise of your staff and the excellent direction and supervision you, Bracky and Mark, provided the overall process. Your continued follow up with this office in the smallest detail is also greatly appreciated.

If I were to set the standard of excellence for a job well done, I would put Rogers Realty and Auction Co. Inc. at the top of the barometer.

I look forward to your being the successful bidder in future auctions and the opportunity and pleasure of working with you and your group again.

Cordially,


Earl R. Hottinger, CPM
Affordable Housing Asset Specialist

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January 14, 1993

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Mr. Bracky Rogers, CAI
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2037 Rockford Street
Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030

Dear Bracky and Mark;

Atlantic Management Brokerage Services, Inc. has had the opportunity to work with many national auction firms to assist them in the liquidation of Resolution Trust and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation assets. None, however, compare to the professionalism, spirit of cooperation, organization and ability that Rogers Realty & Auction Company, Inc. demonstrated in the recent RTC Tampa Sales Center Tasks 10 and 11.

Rogers Realty & Auction Company, from the start, exhibited the willingness to identify the task, learn the procedures, adapt to the challenges, and perform the functions with a vengeance never before seen by our firm. Mark Rogers worked exceptionally hard at his position of "team leader," and worked diligently and intelligently to accomplish the job.

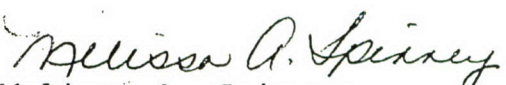
This auction event encompassed some 400 assets. Some of the challenges brought forth and attacked by your firm included the due diligence required to present them to the buying public; the deadlines stipulated by the client; the deletion of many of the assets due to a pre-auction sales strategy that appeared midway into the task; the seller's shrinking staff, resulting in some confusion of the definition of the task, communication and the identification of some assets; as well as multiple closing attorneys, seller financing teams, and command changes as the RTC offices began their merging procedure in the middle of the task.

Your firm exhibited much knowledge and understanding of the auction method of marketing, worked well with all members of the team, encouraged and educated the buying public, and orchestrated five of the finest auction events Florida and the RTC has ever seen.

It was a true pleasure working with you.

Sincerely,


Philip T. Spinney
President


Melissa A. Spinney
General Manager



RESOLUTION TRUST CORPORATION

Resolving The Crisis
Restoring The Confidence

December 20, 1995

Mr. R. Bracky Rogers, CAI-AARE
Chairman of the Board
Rogers Realty & Auction Co. Inc.
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P.O. Box 729
Mount Airy North Carolina

Dear Bracky:

I want to thank you and all of your staff for the outstanding performance in making the Charleston SC G.O.R.E. event a resounding success. As the RTC approaches sunset, it is comforting to know that we can depend on organizations such as yours to help us to continue to be successful in our goal of reducing the federal debt.

Again, I congratulate your staff on a job well done, and I am eagerly looking forward to doing business with your organization in the near future.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony F. Richardson", is written over the typed name and title.

Anthony F. Richardson
Assistant Director
Financial Instruments

Still the best way

Here's how auctions worked well in RTC era and remain the top method to maximize recoveries today

By Muriel Watkins

This case study examines how auctions worked well to help resolve the Savings and Loan financial crisis in the early 1990s, and the elements that can be applied to today's current financial crisis.

When Congress passed landmark legislation in 1989 to create the Resolution Trust Corporation to resolve the savings and loan crisis, there were specific provisions to create homeownership and affordable rental housing opportunities from the sale of foreclosed residential properties. The statutory language created an exclusive right-of-first refusal on the purchase of single-family properties priced within the range of affordability of families whose income did not exceed 115 percent of area median income, typically a family that could qualify for FHA/VA financing and now would be within the "workforce" housing income range. The requirement to create affordable homeownership was given equal weight with the requirement to maximize the net present value return on the sale of assets and the requirement to minimize impact on local real estate markets.

At the start-up phase, the RTC gained control of an inventory of 36,000 single-family properties, approximately 80% of which qualified within the affordable housing range. In response to an announced sales goal to use auctions to sell residential properties valued under



\$100,000, the RTC worked with the Auctioneers' trade associations to implement "affordable housing" auctions. An aggressive auction marketing campaign required that potential bidders could qualify for financing and close on the sale of properties sold at auction. There was no margin for repeat sales. Fifteen firms were selected to pre-qualify purchasers for income eligibility and financing. The firms were typically mortgage banking companies located in markets where the agency held a large inventory of residential homes. The firms worked closely with RTC staff and auction firms with the outreach campaign to inform potential bidders of the opportunity to purchase a home at auction.

Highlights of the following auctions, conducted in Texas in November 1991 and New Orleans and Kansas City in May 1992, illustrate the success of affordable housing auctions.

- Texas "Lone Star" Auction – During November 1991 the RTC conducted its largest affordable housing auction across nine cities in Texas. Over 989 properties were offered for sale, attracting 16,000 attendees. Seventy-two percent of the buyers were first time homebuyers. Thirty-five percent (35%) of successful bidders were minorities: 18% were Hispanic, 10% Black, and 5% Asian. Minority participation reflected the relative population where the properties were sold: in El Paso and San Antonio, minority purchasers were largely Hispanic in comparison to Houston where half of the minority buyers were Black. With an average of 16 bidders per property, the sales price as a percent of appraised value averaged 77% for the Lone Star auction.

In a 1991 RTC auction in nine cities in Texas, the sales price as a percent of appraised value averaged 77%.

- New Orleans Public and Affordable Housing Absolute Auction – The RTC conducted several affordable housing auctions in New Orleans and Louisiana. Over the course of two weekends in May 1992, 450 residential properties were offered for sale. A large percentage of the properties were formerly investor held and sold to first time homebuyers at 70% of appraised value. Statistics from the Greater New Orleans Community Data Center indicated a 59% home ownership rate in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, prior to Hurricane Katrina. No doubt, the large homeownership rate in the Lower Ninth Ward is associated with the May 1992 auction.
- Kansas City Auction – The RTC also conducted a 244-property auction in Kansas City in May 1992. The Kansas City auction was the eighth highest grossing housing auction with sales price as a percent of appraised value averaging 88%.

The early results of auction attendance reaching seven bidders per property expanded the capacity to sell absolute, without regard to a minimum reserve price. Auction marketing proved to be the most effective process for reaching qualified purchasers and selling 100 percent of the properties included in a sales event. The success of the auctions is further illustrated in the following results.

Sales price as a percent of appraised value averaged 78%.

- 74% of the winning bidders were first-time homebuyers
- 50% of buyers surveyed had not been looking for house before the auction
- 48% of the properties sold at auction were condominiums or townhouses
- 40% of winning bidders were minorities
- 12% of winning bidders were veterans

STEPS TO APPLY IN TODAY'S CRISIS

The following are advertised steps in the RTC auction process that may have applica-

bility during the current crisis, recognizing the difference in market conditions and the absence of a statutory imposed set-aside.

Step 1 – Auction Registration and Homebuyer Prequalification – Potential auction attendees were required to register to attend the auction and were prequalified for financing. Auction registrants were issued a Pre-qualification Letter, as a prerequisite for attending the auction that indicated how high the bidders could bid for a property based on a predetermined level of affordability. Prequalification for financing no doubt helped attract bidders to the auctions and must have contributed to the large number of winning bidders who reported, during post-auction surveys, that they learned of the auction through word-of-mouth (33%), newspapers ads (18%), and marketing signs (15%).

Step 2 – Property Inspection – Potential auction attendees were informed of the list of properties to be sold at auction through the promotional material and informed that all properties were to be sold on an AS-IS, WHERE-IS basis. Registered bidders were encouraged to visit and inspect properties they may be interested in purchasing. Often auction firms scheduled a series of Open Houses or Open House Weekends to provide potential bidders an opportunity to conduct an inspection of properties and to obtain information on the physical condition of the properties they may be interested in placing a bid.

Step 3 – Bidders' Awareness and "How to Buy" Seminar – The RTC worked with the auction firm to conduct a seminar prior to the scheduled auction. The seminar provided an opportunity for potential buyers to learn about the terms of sale, the required bidder deposit, the bidding process, and available financing. Auction firms often conducted a mock auction for potential bidders to take part in a practice auction to better understand the bidding process. The bidder's seminar was not a requirement but part of the outreach to potential auction attendees to enhance their ability to become a successful bidder.

Step 4 – Auction Day – Auction brochures included a final step, Attend and Bid. At the time of the auction, each bidder was required to present the required deposit to

obtain a bidder's card. As customary, properties were auctioned in the order they were presented in the auction catalogue. An auction sale was complete when the bid assistant helped the auctioneer determine that the buyer made a successful bid based on the prequalification letter indicating their level of affordability.

Step 5 – Closing – The successful bidder was provided all documents and contracts in the closing room on the day of the auction. Successful bidders were also required to pay a deposit of not more than 50% of the required down payment. A closing date was scheduled at the auction with a prescribed date of settlement, generally within 45-60 days of the auction.

A NOTE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING

The RTC involved the private sector in securing financing for affordable housing properties, following statutory provisions that the agency exhaust private resources first. A large percentage of the properties qualified for regular FHA/VA financing. Of note, passage of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 included a temporary increase in FHA single family mortgage limits from \$271,050 to \$729,750, in high cost areas. The stimulus is intended to provide immediate relief to homeowners and to insure larger mortgages with more affordable financing terms.

In addition to providing information about FHA/VA financing, RTC staff also entered into agreements with state and local housing agencies and lending consortia to secure commitments of low-interest bond funds to finance buyers, and to offer down payment and closing cost assistance. The availability of mortgage revenue bond financing made it possible for purchasers to benefit from below market-rate financing at 2 to 2.5 points below conventional mortgage rates. The Texas Housing Agency, for example, pledged \$140 million to finance the purchase of RTC residential properties. With the announced availability of low cost financing, the RTC sold 600 single-family homes in a three-month period. In Phoenix, the RTC secured a commitment of \$10 million in mortgage bond financing

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BUSINESS REAL ESTATE & SERVICES

Lenders Tiptoe Into Bulk Sales

Glut of Foreclosed Homes Spurs Some Trial Runs

BY JAMES R. HAGERTY

As the glut of foreclosed homes swells, banks and other lenders are starting to warm to the idea of selling some of the homes in bulk to investors, a departure from the practice of selling homes one at a time.

For the past year, investors have been eager to buy large numbers of homes from lenders at knockdown prices. Lenders have generally resisted that idea, but now some are trying it out on a small scale.

Barclays Capital estimates that banks and loan investors owned 871,000 foreclosed homes as of Nov. 1, up from 414,000 a year earlier. Barclays forecasts that this inventory will peak at around 1.4 million homes in mid-2010.

That deluge has persuaded some banks to start bargaining. In recent months, Wells Fargo & Co., Fannie Mae and Synovus Financial Corp. have negotiated a few transactions and have signaled to investors they might be willing to do others.

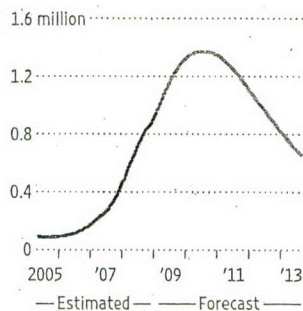
So far, no major lender has fully embraced the idea of selling in bulk. In many cases, they say prices that investors are demanding remain too low. The banks say they can get more money for most homes selling them through local agents. If investors buy homes and quickly flip them for a higher price, banks feel they have just let a middleman earn proceeds they should have been able to get on their own.

"We are getting a ton of bottom fishers," says Barbara Deser, president of mortgage and insurance services at Bank of America Corp., but the prices being offered aren't attractive. Ms. Deser says Bank of America, which this year became the nation's largest mortgage lender by acquiring Countrywide Financial, isn't doing bulk sales for now.

Still, others are starting to experiment on a limited basis. Wells Fargo, the nation's second-largest home mortgage lender, expects to keep selling most of the homes one by one through local agents. But in the past six months, the bank has completed half a dozen bulk sales and is evaluating

Clearance Sale

Number of foreclosed homes for sale by lenders and loan investors



Source: Barclays Capital

another one, says Ben Windust, a senior vice president at the banking company. He says each such sale has involved 20 to 40 properties. In most cases, the sales involved homes that proved difficult to sell through local real-estate agents or that need lots of repair work to make them salable.

Lenders seem more comfortable considering bulk sales of low-value homes in marginal neighborhoods and in regions where housing demand is weakest.

James Odell Barnes, an investor in South Carolina, says he and a group of investor partners recently paid about \$1.2 million for a bulk purchase of about 800 homes from Fannie Mae. That works out to about \$1,500 apiece on average. A large share of the homes were in Detroit and other depressed Michigan cities; others were in cities including Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Tenn., and Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Barnes says he quickly resold for about \$50,000 one of the Detroit homes purchased from Fannie for \$1,800.

A Fannie Mae spokesman declined to comment, but the company has acknowledged an openness to considering bulk sales. Fannie has a huge and expanding backlog of homes to sell. It reported last month that its inventory of single-family foreclosed homes on Sept. 30 was 67,519, about twice as many as it owned nine months earlier.

Fannie's main rival, Freddie Mac, says it is open to bulk sales but hasn't been able to reach ac-

ceptable terms. "We don't accept 20 or 30 cents on the dollar," says James "Chris" Bowden, a Freddie vice president.

Gibraltar Global Group LLC, Shelton, Conn., created in January by executives with experience in corporate relocation services, has completed several small bulk purchases, says Jim Simon, chief executive. Gibraltar makes repairs when necessary and then lists the homes for sale through local brokers, he says, adding: "Frequently the houses are in terrible condition."

Mr. Simon says he and his colleagues got experience in finding buyers for foreclosed homes in the housing downturn of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Some homes get sold at least twice before new occupants move in. An example is a three-bedroom house on Burnt Leaf Lane in Snellville, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta. The home had sold in March 2007 for \$116,900. After the owners defaulted, Saxon Mortgage, owned by Morgan Stanley, acquired it through foreclosure in April 2008. Saxon sold the home to Gibraltar for \$39,000 in September. Two weeks later, Gibraltar sold the home for \$50,000 to Real Property Investment Group LLC of Atlanta. Gibraltar's Mr. Simon says his firm's profit on the transaction after commissions and other costs was \$4,600. Normally, he said, Gibraltar sells homes to owner-occupants rather than investors like Real Property.

A Morgan Stanley spokeswoman declined to comment.

Partly for public-relations reasons, lenders are expected to be more open to considering bulk sales to nonprofit groups seeking to acquire homes in poor neighborhoods as a way to prevent blight and create affordable housing.

Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, Orange, N.J., is setting up a nonprofit company to pursue such deals. Harold Simon, executive director of the new company, says it is negotiating to buy mortgages backed by about 100 homes, mostly in northern New Jersey. He declined to identify the seller of those loans.

—Ruth Simon
contributed to this article.

In Brief

GGP Gets a Second Debt-Pay Extension

Mall owner General Growth Properties Inc. gained another short-term extension of a debt-payment deadline, obtaining 10 more days to pay down \$58 million in bonds. General Growth initially was to pay down the bonds Monday but announced it agreed with the holder of the bonds to extend the deadline to Dec. 11. The move came one day after it landed an extension to Dec. 12 to pay down a separate \$900 million in debt on two Las Vegas malls. It is attempting to arrange a longer-term extension of deadlines on both debts. GGP has struggled to refinance its \$27 billion debt.

Construction Spending Fell From Year Ago

Construction spending declined in October, led by a pullback in spending on power plants. Overall spending on private nonresidential construction fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$417.7 billion in October, down 0.7% from September. Spending on residential construction declined to \$338.8 billion in October, down 3.5% from September.

Private Construction Spending



Note: Seasonally adjusted annual rate
Source: Commerce Department

A Sampling of Our Auctioneering Experience

*Rogers Realty & Auction Company, Inc. has an extensive, superior and ongoing association with numerous branches of the federal government in handling the liquidation of assets. The following sales represent a partial listing of auctions that we have held for various agencies.
Government Owned Real Estate (G.O.R.E.)*

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43 U.S. Army Corps houses and 32 Resolution Trust Corporation lots were sold at auction on October 28, 1995, Charleston, SC for \$ 1,980,000.00

Resolution Trust Corporation

North & South Carolina – March 1994 - \$ 635,000.00

(4 Residential assets & a small island)

South Carolina – September 1994 - \$1,080,000.00

(14 assets residential & commercial)

Tallahassee, Florida – December 1992 - \$ 333,250.00 (11 residential)

Jacksonville, Florida – December 1992 - \$4,308,103.00 (100 residential assets)

Vero Beach, Florida- December 1992 - \$ 1,105,000.00 (36 assets)

Orlando, Florida – December 1992 - \$ 4,310,901.00 (87 assets)

Tampa, Florida – December 1992 - \$ 3,306,500.00 (70 assets)

Housing and Urban Development

Raleigh, NC – May 1988 - \$417,500.00 (17 properties/residential)

Raleigh, NC – August 1988 - \$ \$413,200.00 (16 single family)

Raleigh, NC – April 1988 - \$ 655,900.00 (27 single family properties)

Charlotte, NC – September 1990 - \$ 823,400.00 (28 single family properties)

Raleigh, NC – August 1990 - \$ 489,275.00 (23 single family properties)

Raleigh, NC - August 1990 - \$ 670,150.00 (24 single family properties)

Durham, NC – August 1993 - \$ 800,000.00 (30 residential assets)

U. S. Attorney Foreclosures

Raleigh, NC – May 25, 1993 – 110 acres - \$ 1,050,000.00 +
Morrisville, NC – January 1996 - 72 acres/general business - \$ 1,738,840.00

U.S. Federal Bankruptcy Court

Greensboro, NC – June 1993 – 150 acres - \$ 623,000.00
Four States – November 1991 – Manufactured Homes - \$ 344,200.00

Small Business Administration

Pilot Mountain, NC – October 2006 - \$ 200,200.00 (Commercial Building)
Mt. Airy, NC – October 2006 - \$ 52,208.00 (Brick Home)
Mt. Airy, NC – August 2006 - \$ 93,600.00 (Acreage)
Mt. Airy, NC - \$ 83,280.00 (Roofing Business)
Mt. Airy, NC – July 2006 - \$ 324,500.00 (2-Commercial Buildings)
Winston-Salem, NC – February 2006 - \$ 352,000.00 (Car Wash)
Mt. Airy, NC – April 1992 - \$ \$ 275,000.00 (Manufacturing Plant)
Mt. Airy, NC – March 1990 - \$ \$ 254,540.00 (Roofing Company)

U.S. Marshals Service Auctions

Eastern NC – June 1990 – Residential Properties - \$ 182,400.00
State of NC – May 1992 – Residential, Lots, Acreage - \$ 120,800.00
Raleigh, NC – July 1993 – Residential Properties - \$ 49,000.00
NC Outer Banks – October 2006 – Home - \$ 499,000.00
Eastern NC – December 2006 – 10 Properties - \$ 517,000.00
Eastern NC – December 2006 – Residential Properties - \$ 1,466,000.00

Farm Service Agency Auctions – U.S. Department of Agriculture

May 1997 – 390 + Acres - \$ 1,290,000.00 (Farm had been in inventory for 8 yrs.)
January 1999 – Farmhouse/20 Acres - \$ 52,800.00 - Accomack Co. VA
July 1999 – 8.56 acres - \$ 238,700.00 – Onancock VA
July 1999 – 12.88 acres - \$ 232,100.00 – Accomack Co. VA
December 1999 – 320 acres - \$ 1,230,000.00 – Winchester, VA
December 2002 – 166 acres - \$ 145,860.00 – Halifax Co. VA
May 2006 – 39.67 acres - \$ 172,700.00 – Cana, VA

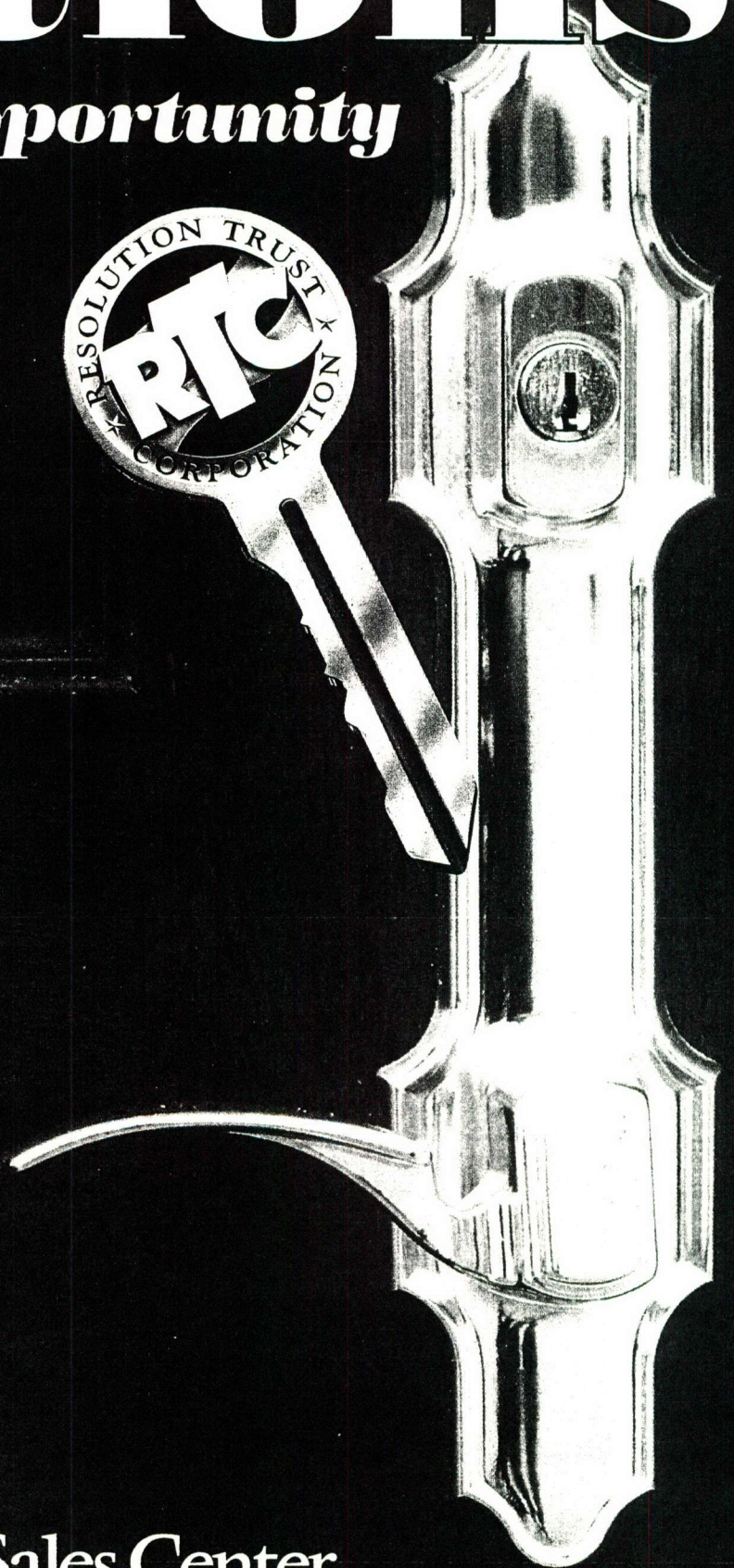
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April 13, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear President Obama,

The attached article was taken from Forbes Magazine, April 13, 2009. I really hope you will read it. Mr. Flint has made some excellent points and, being from Detroit, we are extremely anxious to make this happen. I know you are too. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

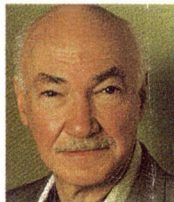
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SIMPLE WAYS TO FIX DETROIT

THERE'S AN OLD SONG ABOUT A MAN BEING CHASED through the woods by a hungry bear. As he runs for his life, he sings out a prayer, "Lord, if you can't help me, please don't help that bear." I think of the running man as our auto industry, the bear as everything bad that's happen-

ing, and the prayer as going to our government in Washington. "Mr. President, if you can't help me, please don't help that bear." I'm amazed by some of the things happening now. How little, for instance, the President and 535 congressmen seem to know about automobiles. Everyone must drive one, but they don't seem to understand how or why they work at all. They talk of replacing the gasoline engine, developed over 100 years and still being improved, with untried technology. It's as if none of them ever changed a tire or looked under the hood.

I'm also amazed by how promises to help the industry threaten to make things worse instead, such as schemes to make dealers buy more cars on credit they can't afford to pay back. It's also amazing how the simplest measures to help either aren't undertaken or become complicated beyond belief. So here's a small list of things that might actually help the car business.

- 1. Finance dealers. Dealers buy cars from the factory on credit. But credit is tough to come by now, which means dealers don't have enough stock to entice buyers. The Small Business Administration created a loan plan, but it doesn't work because it requires car dealers to have high credit ratings, which few do.
2. Subsidize buyers. We've got a tax credit on home purchases. Why not one on cars? Buy a new car, made by anyone, here or imported, and you get a 10% tax credit, regardless of income. The state sales tax should be allowed as an income tax deduction, again with no phase-out tied to income.
3. Back off from electric cars. We're talking about very large extra costs, \$6,000 to \$10,000 for a hybrid, and much more for an electric car, which will probably have serious operational and

maintenance problems and be so difficult to fuel as to be impractical. People won't buy them. So the government should stop hounding Detroit to make battery-driven cars.

- 4. Be realistic about novel engines. R&D on ways to replace the gasoline engine is okay; decreeing that the problem has been solved is not okay.
5. Halt step-ups in safety regulations for a few years. Cars are not unsafe now. All resources left should be devoted to making attractive, high-quality cars.
6. Halt step-ups in fuel-efficiency mandates. All carmakers are pushing to improve fuel economy, but tougher regulations will only divert money and talent. The market is taking care of buyers' needs for high-mileage cars. Computer controls, direct injection, turbocharging and other engineering changes are working.
7. Find some way to dampen speculation in petroleum. That doesn't mean gasoline prices can't go up; it means they can't yo-yo between \$4 a gallon and \$1.60, because the industry can't survive this volatility.

Washington needs to sort out its priorities. Certainly one priority is to save the economy. Another is to curb global warming.

I'm amazed how little the President and Congress seem to know about automobiles. It's as if none of them ever changed a tire or looked under the hood.

Another is to use less oil. But with the auto industry today, these goals may be at cross-purposes. If saving the economy comes first, if curbing unemployment comes first, then encourage the industry to build cars people will buy today. We may not be able to do everything at once.

To be honest, nothing is likely to revive the automobile industry quickly. People don't like to put out \$30,000 when they have lost half their retirement savings or are worried about losing their jobs. It will take years for demand to come back. The

Detroit companies are in particularly poor shape because of all the bankruptcy talk. People are hesitant to spend \$30,000 with a company that might disappear tomorrow.

But I believe it makes sense to do our best to save our domestic carmakers, just as other nations are working to save theirs—from France to China.

We must remember that buying a car is a voluntary act. We buy cars because we want them, because they are so attractive or desirable or useful that we must have them. Cutting costs is important, but the secret is to build a good car and have someone who knows how to sell it.

And if we can't help the industry, please don't help that bear. F



Jerry Flint, a former Forbes Senior Editor, has covered the automobile industry since 1958. Visit his home page at www.forbes.com/flint.

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July 23, 2009

The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

I read with great interest the news about the vegetable garden on the White House South Lawn that was started by the First Lady and your children. At the Subaru of America corporate headquarters, we implemented a similar gardening plan this year. Subaru has a long history of environmental stewardship and we believe in the importance of local farming and horticultural education. To further our involvement in such areas, this year we established the **Subaru Share the Love Garden**, on the grounds of our corporate headquarters in Cherry Hill, NJ.

The Subaru Share the Love Garden is based on a community garden model, and is tended to by approximately 85 very passionate Subaru employees. A portion of each harvest is donated to the Food Bank of South Jersey (Pennsauken, NJ) to help combat hunger issues in our local community. Greensgrow, an urban farming nonprofit organization in Philadelphia, PA, has been our guide in establishing the garden and has allowed for the further education of our employees about the proper techniques of gardening. The garden not only engages our employees in corporate environmental initiatives, but also provides fresh produce to hungry families in southern New Jersey. In fact, the executive director of our local Food Bank of South Jersey indicated that this is the only such corporate partnership with any food bank in the country.

The Share the Love theme for our garden is an extension of a very successful project whereby Subaru donated nearly \$5 million to five national charities last December. We take great pride in our community service activities, and view the gardening program as a creative extension of our ongoing corporate community support. We are confident that the Subaru Share the Love Garden will be a huge success and asset to our community. I extend my personal wishes to you and Mrs. Obama for a successful and abundant garden. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to you and/or the First Lady should you ever want to visit our corporate headquarters which is very close to downtown Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Doll
Executive Vice President, COO & CFO



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President Barack Hussein Obama,
The White House
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Dear Mr. President,

Your recent address in Cairo will surely be a turning point in human history. Seeing with the eyes of faith, and hearing with ears attuned to the Word, I am confident that what you did there will sow seeds of justice and righteousness for the ages.

Thank you for refusing to allow the media or the factions to define your faith or your faithfulness. Thank you for representing our shared religious heritage without arrogance or privilege. Thank you for modeling the faith of one who follows Jesus Christ and His way of joining hands, enlarging circles, extending hospitality, healing divisions, and ministering reconciliation.

Our hope is rekindled. Our faith is renewed. The Christian legacy for a wholeness in a broken world is finally on track. You are in my daily prayers, along with your dear wife and precious children. You are teaching us all the way of humility and servanthood.

Thanks be to God.

Assalamu Aleikum,,

Robert Lloyd Harris, Ph.D.
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The President
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March 27, 2009

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to urge you to accept the invitation of membership to The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War, Lincoln-Cushing Camp No.2, Washington, DC. I happen to be the Patriotic Instructor and am very excited on behalf of our organization in learning the information regarding your Civil War Ancestor, Private Robert Wolfley.

On a personal note, I believe that you have made significant and positive changes to our government. You have my family's full support.

I happen to be a Civil War Reenactor with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment here in Washington, DC. I do Civil War living history presentations for schools and would like to offer my services to either or both of your daughters' school when they study the Civil War. My website is www.29regiment.com.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity to share this information with you.

Most Respectfully,

Charles B. Hawley



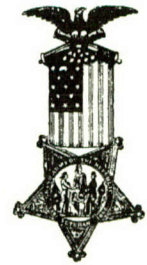
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Dear Mr. President,

You are the Grandson of a Union Veteran. Your 5th Great Grandfather, Robert Wolfley, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. On July 12th 1864, he and his Ohio unit were assigned to the Defenses of Washington, and were at Fort Stevens when your predecessor, President Abraham Lincoln went there to observe the repulse of Gen Jubal Early's Confederate forces.

We too are sons of Union Veterans and wish to extend to you an invitation of membership in our 128 year old Order. Our local organization serves the District of Columbia and suburbs as an educational society keeping alive the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors who saved the Union and brought freedom to hundreds of thousands.

Our Patriotic Instructor, Charles "Ben" Hawley, (who marched with the 54th Massachusetts Regiment in your Inaugural Parade) has completed all of the necessary research and has completed your membership application.

We hope that you will favorably consider our offer, and that you will join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the District of Columbia.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty, I remain,

ROBERT D. POLLOCK, Col, USAF (ret)

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A couple of easy ways to fix the DMV

By Peter Hanson

I've just written to state senators and representatives and Gov. M. Jodi Rell, asking them to make a driver's license last 10 years. I've just renewed my license. It took 1 1/2 hours at the Department of Motor Vehicles plus 20 minutes driving to get there and home, almost two hours. And it cost \$66.

There was no test of my eyesight or driving ability. A photo was taken of me. But the six-year-old photo that was on my previous license was quite recognizable. A passport is good for 10 years. A driver's license could easily last that long.

Cutting down on driver's license renewals would allow the DMV to focus on things that actually need to be done, such as testing new drivers and issuing new registra-

tions, and it would shorten the lines.

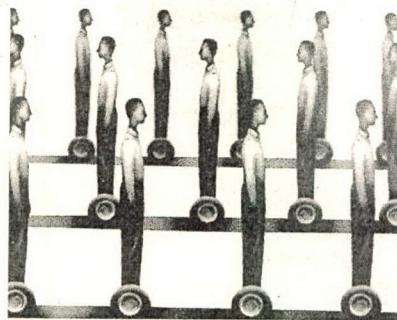
If the \$66 fee charged for a license renewal is actually a tax that contributes to state coffers, which I doubt, it is a most inefficient way to raise money. Just send me a bill for \$66, and don't make me wait in line for an hour and a half.

The current system is aggravating law-abiding citizens who have better things to do than waiting in line at the DMV. The department is the only place I've been that has a sign: "Violence is out of order; any threat to employees will be dealt with swiftly." Obviously the Motor Vehicles department is aggravating people. Let's fix it.

I also urged our state legislators and governor to make auto and boat registrations valid for the life of the vehicle. Other states, such as

Texas, do this. There is no reason to re-register a vehicle every two years. I still own it. Why should I have to renew the registration? This is government waste. It is a most inefficient way to collect money — it's simply mailing pieces of paper back and forth, and annoying taxpayers.

I have a small boat, and the registration must be renewed each year for a fee of \$7.50. For that, the DMV sends me a renewal form — "MUST OPEN IMMEDIATELY." I write a check and mail it back, and the DMV mails me back a sticker to put on



my boat. The paper, printing, postage and employee time for two printings, two mailings, a collection and a deposit are far more than the fee. What a waste of time and money!

I resent the hassle of "renewing" a registration, one of the few connections I have with state government. It's a negative.

The Motor Vehicles department in Norwalk cannot keep up with its duties. It's getting enough funding to be open only four-and-a-half days a week — it's closed Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday, and it closes other days, except Thursday, at 4 p.m. We should eliminate the unnecessary duties of renewing a license every six years and renewing auto and boat registrations. These serve no purpose. Other governments are doing the efficient thing.

Let's make Connecticut government more efficient and citizen-friendly.

Peter Hanson is a New Canaan resident.

How can we provide the news Americans need?

By Dan Rather

You don't have to care about media companies or reporters to care about the state of the news, because if it's in trouble — and it surely is — this country is in trouble. That's why, while speaking recently at the Aspen Institute, I called upon President Obama to form a commission to address the perilous state of America's news media.

Some might scoff at the notion that a president and a country occupied by two wars and a recession should add the woes of the news media to an already crowded plate. But the way the news is delivered, and the quality of the information the American public receives about what's going on here and abroad, has and will continue to have a profound effect on these very issues and on the overall quality of government by, for and of the people.

I am not calling for any sort of government bailout for media companies. Nor am I encouraging any form of government control over them. I want the president to convene a nonpartisan, blue-

ribbon commission to assess the state of the news as an institution and an industry and to make recommendations for improving and stabilizing both.

Why bring the president into it? Because this is the only way I could think of to generate the sort of attention this subject deserves. Academia and think tanks generate study after study, yet their findings don't reach the people who need to be reached.

We need a real and broad public discussion of the role news is meant to play in our democratic system of government and a better public understanding of the American news infrastructure's fragile condition. We need to know how things got this way and what we need to change.

An intense period of corporate consolidation over the past 25 years, aided and abetted by deregulation by the Federal Communications Commission, has reduced to a mere handful the sources from which most Americans get their news. While independent reporting has been winnowed and homogenized, the news organizations

responsible for this reporting have largely fallen under corporate mandates to increase profits quarterly — which has meant a reduction in news-gathering personnel, the shuttering of overseas bureaus and the nearly complete subordination of a public trust to the profit motive.

Moreover, corporate values of risk aversion have increasingly filtered down to newsrooms, supplanting news values. The big conglomerates that own most of America's news media may have, at any given moment, multiple regulatory, procurement and legislative matters before various arms of the federal government; their interests, therefore, can often run contrary to the interests of the citizens whom journalism, at its best, is meant to serve. There is little incentive to report without fear or favoritism on the same government one is trying to lobby. Increasingly, the news we get — and, significantly, the news we don't get — reflects this conflict of interests.

The news infrastructure, weakened from within by

this corrosive dynamic, is at risk of toppling altogether because of a separate, though not unrelated development: the coast-to-coast collapse of the newspaper industry, which has lost the key revenue streams of classified and local advertising to the Internet.

For radio, television and, yes, the Internet, newspapers have been and continue to be the foundation on which "hard" news rests. They provide the reporters who are our primary and often our only independent sources in places as close as city zoning hearings and as far away as Indonesia. Anyone who has worked in other media knows that, if newspapers are taken out of the equation, dwindling news resources will be stretched to the breaking point.

You will not turn on your

television and hear an anchor admit this. What you will see, instead, is more opinion, commentary and marketing masquerading as news. You will get more in-studio shouting matches between partisans, moderated by openly partisan talking heads.

And so shows that can be produced on the cheap, with little to no real reporting, fan impotent citizen anger at a government whose workings, absent hard-hitting reporting, seem ever-more opaque — and at a world that, absent consistent, contextualized coverage, seems to defy comprehension.

We need news that breeds understanding, not contempt; news that fosters a healthy skepticism of the workings of power rather than a paralyzing cynicism. We need the basic informa-

tion that a self-governing people requires. The old news model is crumbling, while the Internet, for all its immense promise, is not yet ready to rise in its place — and won't be until it can provide the nuts-and-bolts reporting that most people so take for granted that it escapes their notice.

This is a crisis that, with no exaggeration, threatens our democratic republic at its core. But you won't hear about it on your evening news, unless the message can be delivered in a way that corporate media have little choice but to report — such as, say, the findings of a presidential commission.

Dan Rather, who was a CBS reporter for 44 years, is global correspondent and managing editor of HDNet's "Dan Rather Reports." He wrote this for *The Washington Post*.

Cults — a darker side of 1960s

By Jayanti Tamm

At my local bookstore on the eve of the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, 1960s nostalgia is in high gear. A display table is stacked high with pricey coffee table books, each with its own variation on psychedelic rainbow lettering, each claiming to reveal the untold story

Consciousness-raising went mainstream. Reciting Sanskrit chants, wearing japa beads and finding a guru became chic. Everyone who was anyone read "I Am That" and "Autobiography of a Yogi." Many free spirits obediently changed their names, dropped out of college and abandoned their families. Ironically, their wild-child

lifting feats, hoisting elephants, helicopters and even Nelson Mandela and Mikhail Gorbachev — a smoke-and-mirrors spectacle I never understood. How could lifting elephants illuminate and ultimately transform the world? When I was a teenager, the guru's strict rules banning all contact and relationships with the "out-

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Robert M. Franklin
President

June 26, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
United States President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama:

It is with profound humility that I offer thanks for the invitation to attend the Father's Day celebration at the White House.

I was proud to represent Morehouse College and the legions of African American fathers who are committed to parenting and nurturing our communities. I was equally inspired by the other admirable fathers who shared their stories.

Please know that you have my support—and that of the College—as you address the issues that plague Americans throughout the country. If we can be of service to you, we stand ready to assist.

Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Franklin



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July 24, 2009

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President Barack Obama
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

We share your view that the CLASS Act component of health reform will be a cost-effective way to improve long term services and supports. The needs addressed in CLASS will affect 70% of American families who will inevitably face caregiving for elderly loved ones or younger people who have disabling challenges.

We are grateful to Secretary Sebelius for the strong letter of support that she sent to Senator Kennedy. We are also most appreciative to Nancy-Ann DeParle for meeting with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations to hear the concerns of 60 non-profit aging organizations about the importance of CLASS. She and her staff (most particularly, Lauren Aaronson) have also reached out to our friends at the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, and other colleague groups. We have also had meetings with Dr. Zeke Emanuel and we know that Rahm Emanuel and David Axelrod are sensitive to the concerns we represent and have been friends to our cause.

Mr. President, the irony of CLASS is that it addresses needs that no one wants to talk about, but everyone will face if they are fortunate enough to have loved ones for whom they are responsible.

You and your team are providing badly needed leadership on the tough far-reaching issues we all face.

Please know that the organizations that support CLASS number well over 100, representing the needs today of 40-50 million people. On behalf of those whom CLASS will help for future generations, thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Slemmer
President/CEO

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RESOLUTION NO. 113

Offered by Legislators Smith, Susice, Crippen, Crossman, LaVoie & Maroun

Relating to Supporting Reintroduction of Federal Senate Bill S-1722, The Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act

WHEREAS: Our Nation's vast farming industry contributes to our nation's health and prosperity every day of the year and the dairy farming industry is the backbone of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that dairy farmers are currently being paid about 95 cents per gallon of milk, while it costs them \$1.50 to produce that same gallon and the rising costs of production, along with the extreme drop in price per hundred weight of milk has many dairy farmers in Franklin County concerned about providing for their families now and in the future; and

WHEREAS: United States Senators Arlen Specter and Robert P. Casey Jr. are leading an effort to reintroduce "The Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2007" (S.1722) which is "an act to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to determine the price of milk or for manufactured purposes, which shall be classified as Class II milk, by using the national average cost of production and other purposes"; and

WHEREAS: This bill was designed to correct the disparity in payment versus cost and the reintroduction of this bill would mean a raise in the price per hundred weight from a current approximate price of just under \$12 to an approximate price of \$22.46; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature supports the reintroduction of S.1722 the "Federal Milk Marketing Improvement Act of 2007" in the United States



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February 20, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to thank you for your strong commitment to enacting “affordable, accessible health care of all Americans” in 2009. This commitment you made to us when you signed the Health Care for America Now statement on October 6th and one that we have heard you reaffirm many times during your campaign and now in the early days of your Presidency.

You’ve already taken a great first step by signing the CHIP bill this week and we applaud your message that “providing coverage to 11 million children through SCHIP is a down payment on my commitment to cover every single American.”

We look forward to joining with you in 2009 on our common effort to achieve the goal of quality, affordable health care for all in a reformed health care system that improves quality while lowering costs. As you have said “in order to fix our economic crisis, and rebuild our middle class, we need to fix our health care system too.” That’s why we anticipate that your budget submission later this month will include substantial funding for enacting health care reform this year that will result in quality, affordable coverage for all.

The families in our state are depending on a national solution to the health care crisis that starts with investments in our health care infrastructure that will enable the necessary longer term reforms to occur. Initially, these upfront investments will require expenditure levels by the federal government above current projections, but over time they will lower health care inflation and improve health care outcomes. As you know, these changes enjoy strong public support and are critical to helping the nation address our long-term fiscal challenges. They will pay off in a healthier America and a healthier American economy.

We agree with your recent statement at the CHIP signing "And I want you all to know that I am confident that, if we work together, if we come together, we can finally achieve what generations of Americans have fought for and fulfill the promise of health care in our time."

Our California HCAN coalition partners and the thousands of families we represent appreciate your leadership and commitment on this issue so far and we are looking forward to working with you and your administration to make health care reform a reality in 2009.

Sincerely,



Stuart A. Bussey, M.D., J.D.
President, UAPD



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Lou Ellen Horwitz, MA

The President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In your role, it is likely that most of the letters you receive say "We need your help" instead of "We are already uniquely positioned and ready to help you, and all of your stakeholders".

We represent the **Urgent Care Association of America** (with over 3000 members), and urgent care centers in all fifty states. Urgent care centers (UCC's) provide walk-in, extended-hour access for acute illness and injury care, as well as primary care services. UCC's see **over 100 million patient visits annually** in the U.S.

As you are well aware, any national healthcare solution must address the critical issues of **quality, accessibility and cost**. Urgent care is *already an essential part of the solution*:

Quality

- UCC's are typically staffed with family medicine, emergency medicine, or pediatric physicians – serving a broad range of patients and a broad scope of care.
- The **Certified Urgent Care Center** designation ensures consistency of services and availability.
- Our relationship with **The Joint Commission** provides special recognition for urgent care centers that achieve Accreditation.

Access

- A recent industry study by the Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital located **over 8,000 UCC locations across the US**; and
- A majority of UCC's are open at least **10 hours daily**, plus **Saturdays and Sundays**; and,
- 84% of patients wait less than 45 minutes to be seen - 60% wait **less than 30 minutes**

Cost

- UCC's can treat **at least 12%** of the existing patients in America's Emergency Departments (ED) – using the most conservative estimates (non-urgent).
- That means **14 million visits to the ED belonged in a UCC**. Using a broader estimate (semi-urgent), the visits **jump to 40.5 million**.
- The average ED visit requiring no special services (29%) costs \$302. Average per-visit payment to a UCC is \$102.96.
 - At a conservative estimate of \$200 for only 14 million patient visits – that's **\$2,800,000,000 annually** in savings.

Urgent care centers are an integral part of the healthcare system – **and should not be overlooked in the healthcare reform discussion**. We offer our assistance and expertise and seek to be included in the current discussions about reforming our country's healthcare.

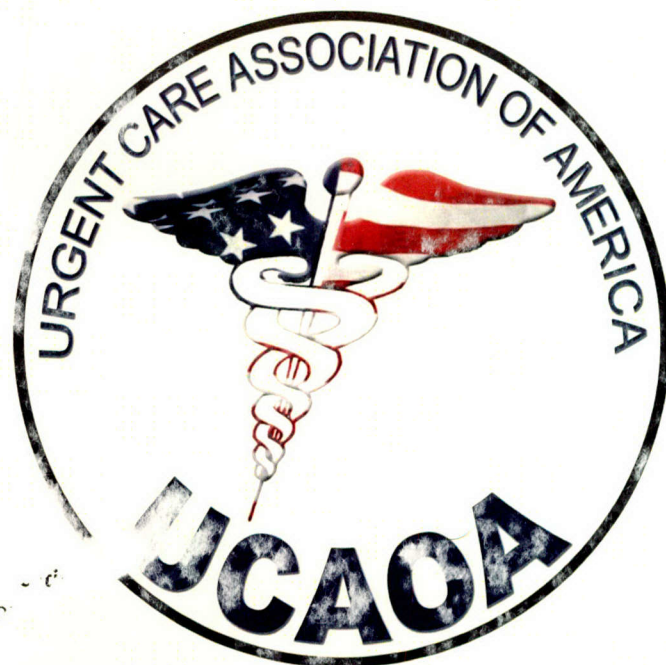
Sincerely,

Don Dillahunty, DO, MPH
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References for all statistics are included in the enclosed Urgent Care Industry Information Kit.

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Urgent Care Industry Information Kit

2009

Urgent care centers provide walk-in, extended hour access for acute illness and injury care that is either beyond the scope or availability of the typical primary care practice or retail clinic.

Urgent Care Association of America
www.ucaoa.org

Industry Statistics

Approximately **8,000** centers in the U.S.

Average of **314** weekly patient visits *per center*

2 million + total visits *per week*

85% are open 7 days/week

Over **100 million** visits *annually*

31.1% of centers open **8:00 AM** or earlier
and **90.6%** close after **7:00 PM**

Locations:

Urban	25%
Suburban	55%
Rural	20%

Wait Times to see a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant:

16.8%	Less than 15 minutes
67.4%	Between 15 and 45 minutes
16.7%	More than 45 minutes

Physician Specialties

Family Physicians	54.3%
Emergency Medicine	21.7%
Internal Medicine	15.2%

85.2% of centers have at least one physician on site at all times

Comparative Costs of Care

Mean reimbursement per patient visit for **urgent care**: **\$102.96**

Mean reimbursement per patient visit for **primary care**: **\$101**

Mean reimbursement per patient visit for **emergency departments** – lowest 29% only - **\$302**

See "References" on page 5 for all data sources.

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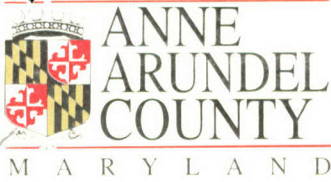
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County Executive John R. Leopold
P.O. Box 2700, Annapolis, MD 21404

August 3, 2009

Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes upon the occasion of your 48th birthday.

I may have had the opportunity to knock on your grandparents' door in Honolulu while you were a student at Punahou School and I was a member of the Hawaii Senate.

I would like you to know that I was praised by the Honolulu Advertiser and the Honolulu Star - Bulletin for addressing the issue of race during my gubernatorial campaign in 1978.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in the not too distant future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Leopold".

JOHN R. LEOPOLD
County Executive

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SENATOR FRANK F. BLAS, JR.

I' MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

July 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Hafa Adai! Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives requesting that Guam's representative to Congress be allowed to fully participate in all matters pertaining to and affecting Guam and the military buildup on Guam. It was also requested that hearings on Congressional matters pertaining to and affecting Guam be held on Guam to allow our citizens to participate in the democratic process.

Guam has for many years been subjected to decisions and policies made by individuals who don't even know where Guam is and negligent of concerns attempted to be voiced by its people. Because of this, we have been subjugated to oppressive rules that have hindered our ability to improve our quality of life.

Recently, the House passed its version of the Defense Authorization Act that included provisions that will have grave implications for Guam. Left unchanged, Guam will again be subjected to rules that will cause us more harm than good. It is processes such as this that had Guam been allowed to participate in, we could have collectively produced a win-win solution.

There are many in the mainstream that feel that because of Guam's proximity and status, we should be thankful for what we already receive and be ashamed to ask for more. Despite this sentiment, I see no shame in asking that we be treated with dignity and respect.

One of the beliefs that established our nation was that no individual should be ruled by a body where they had no meaningful representation. This was the principle that guided those that framed the Constitution then. This is the cry that we have today.

On July 21st, we will be remembering the day 65 years ago when Guam was re-captured by American forces from the Japanese. We will also use this day to remember all the sons and daughters of Guam who lost their lives in defense of our nation. Will it be too hard to then ask our nation to consider our sacrifices and include us too?

Respectfully,

FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
30th Guam Legislature

Attachment: July 16, 2009 letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi



I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
THE 30TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

155 Hesler Place
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

July 16, 2009

Honorable Nancy Pelosi, MC
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
Office of the Speaker
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Sacrifice without Inclusion

Dear Madame Speaker:

Hafa Adai! We earnestly and urgently request your committed action to ensure that relative to Congressional matters relating to or affecting Guam and the military buildup on Guam, that hearings also be conducted on Guam so that the people of Guam can contribute to decisions that will shape their future. We also urgently request your committed action to providing Guam's representative to Congress full voting rights and privileges for all matters relating to or affecting Guam and the military buildup on Guam.

In 2006 the Governor of Guam and key members of his staff met with Air Force Lieutenant General Daniel Leaf to discuss the Department of Defense's plans to increase its presence on Guam. At that meeting, it was requested that any plan to increase the military presence on Guam should include discussions and activities that will not negatively impact the quality of life for the people of Guam. General Leaf responded by saying that what will be good for the military should be good for Guam.

Since that meeting, Guam has been the focus of both national and international discussions and decisions of which Guam's leaders have had little to no opportunity to participate. Although there have been numerous attempts and pleas to have us participate in the deliberations, Guam's voice has been relegated to pre-decisional planning meetings with an office under the Secretary of the Navy and quieted by a democratic process that prevents Guam's representative to Congress from actively participating in the full decision-making process. This has and continues to prevent Guam from becoming meaningfully engaged in preparing and developing relations that benefit both the civilian community and our military.

It has been recognized at the highest levels of the United States government that the military buildup on Guam is necessary for the defense of our nation and the maintenance of peace in our region. It has further been recognized that the buildup is in accordance with a United States – Japan accord known as the Guam International Agreement signed earlier this year in Japan.

Honorable Nancy Pelosi, MC
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
July 16, 2009
Re: Sacrifice without Inclusion
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We know that the buildup, which has an estimated cost of over \$15 Billion, will relocate approximately 30,000 individuals to Guam, and increase our population by over 25%. We also know that the construction of the military facilities and the relocation of the personnel are scheduled to be completed by 2014. We recognize and know of these details and conclude that, once again, Guam is needed and her people are expected to make the sacrifices necessary to make it happen. But what are we sacrificing for?

For over six decades, the people of Guam have been waiting for a formal resolution from our nation for a war that we neither wanted nor provoked. For almost three decades, the people of Guam have extended their services in behalf of the federal government to our southern neighbors with the promise of reimbursement. We continue to provide these services despite the fact that our plea for reimbursement continues to be ignored. At least since World War II, sons and daughters of Guam have paid the ultimate sacrifice to defend our great nation. In the Vietnam War, a conflict that relied heavily on the drafting of soldiers, Guam lost more of her sons per capita than any other place in the United States. And today, recruitment levels on Guam have consistently exceeded levels reported anywhere else in our country. Have not our sacrifices yet warranted our full inclusion in the representative democracy of our nation?

In the recently passed version of the Defense Authorization Act, there were provisions included that deal primarily with the military buildup. At least two of those provisions will significantly impact Guam long after the military construction has been completed, and we are studying others that may have the same effect. Yet, our representative to Congress has not had the ability to participate fully in decisions that will determine the fate of our island. As further measures relating to the buildup and Guam will be deliberated and decided over the course of the very near future, we fervently believe that we should be able to fully participate and decide on actions that will dictate our future.

The people of Guam have for decades been subjected to laws and decisions made by individuals who don't even know where Guam is on the map. As a result of many of these decisions, we have been subjugated to oppressive rules that have hindered our ability to improve our quality of life.

Madame Speaker, we hope that you understand the frustration and neglect that we feel by not having the opportunity to participate in deciding our fate. We further pray that you recognize and appreciate our anxiety and fear about decisions that will be made regarding Guam and the military buildup over the course of the next few years and the lasting effects the decisions will have. It is for these reasons that we provide this letter of request.

In the history of our great nation, our forefathers established our country on the premise that there should be no taxation without representation. Though not really about the taxes imposed by the British Parliament on the colonies, it was more about many in those colonies who believed that the lack of meaningful representation in the Parliament was an illegal denial of their rights.

Honorable Nancy Pelosi, MC
Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
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Some 233 years later, we from Guam have to ask, how much more do we need to sacrifice before we can be included?

We thank you for your time and will remain hopeful for a favorable response. Should you have questions concerning our request, please do not hesitate to call.

Most Respectfully,



FRANK F. BLAS, JR.
Senator



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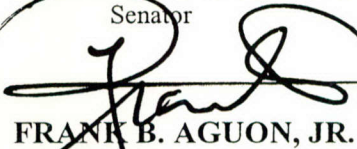
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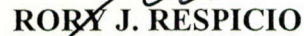
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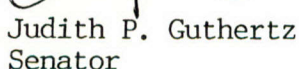
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TINA L. VICK, Councilwoman
JESSIE M. RATTLEY MUNICIPAL CENTER
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia 23607

July 17, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear President Obama,

I wanted to personally thank you and your staff for the federal stimulus money which provided funding for summer employment for low income youth, ages 14 to 24.

I have listened and read what the critics have said about what you are doing as President. It is my belief that you and your executive cabinet members are doing a great job!

First and foremost, the federal stimulus money help to improve our nation's economy. Secondly, summer jobs will provide our youth with work experience, and assist in the development of a work ethic to make them successful in life. Finally, having summer employment will help build our young people's self worth, and give them the strength and the willpower to say "no" to negative influences, such as being involved in gang activities, which rob our young people of their future.

Allocating stimulus monies to create summer jobs for our youth may seem menial, but I think it is phenomenal. I know the impact summer employment can make on the lives of the youths that live at or below the poverty threshold. I grew up in a public housing community in Newport News, Virginia, and was raised by a single mother. Our family received welfare, but during the summer, when summer jobs were available through the community-action agencies, my sisters and I would always apply. The work ethic and work experience I gained from these jobs helped build my confidence, and motivated me to do more. I am a college graduate and have worked in various capacities in the community for years. I now sit on Newport News City Council, representing the same district I grew up as a child. Providing these types of opportunities for our youth, and giving young people the tools to assist them to develop character and discipline, can be the catalyst to leading productive lives.

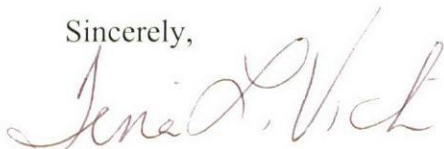
I sincerely and wholeheartedly thank you for what you are doing for this country as President and for the assistance given to the City of Newport News, Virginia.

If you would like to discuss this matter with me, you may reach me on my cell phone at

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Sincerely,



Tina L. Vick
Councilwoman



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NOTICE TO: All Officials
FROM: Cindy Urtz, Clerk *Cindy Urtz*
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 334-09 Urging the Federal Government to
Implement Immediate Actions to Help Relieve the Current
Dairy Fiscal Crisis
DATE: August 13, 2009

For your consideration please find enclosed Resolution No. 334-09, adopted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2009.

Thank you.

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enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 334-09

**URGING THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO HELP
RELIEVE THE CURRENT DAIRY FISCAL CRISIS**

WHEREAS, Madison County is very concerned about the current dairy fiscal crisis; and

WHEREAS, Madison County recognizes that the following measures are needed to help to provide some relief from the economic challenges facing New York State's dairy farmers and to preserve local dairy production—ensuring the availability of fresh, safe, high-quality, nutritious, and affordable milk and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, Madison County knows that dairy producers are struggling to meet their financial commitments because of historically low milk prices coupled with erratically high energy, feed and fertilizer costs; and

WHEREAS, Madison County knows that the bleak economic climate has softened demand for dairy products in both domestic and foreign markets, creating a surplus of dairy products in the marketplace, thereby driving down dairy commodity prices even further; and

WHEREAS, Madison County realizes that many well-run dairy farms will not be able to continue in business in this fiscal climate unless immediate, decisive, meaningful government action is taken; and

WHEREAS, Madison County recognizes that the following measures are needed to help maintain the economic backbone of New York's rural communities and agricultural infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves that the following measures be implemented as soon as possible:

- Provide immediate, additional funding for increased payments to dairy farmers from the Milk Income Loss Contract ("MILC") program;
- Urge the USDA to move dairy commodities off the domestic market as quickly as possible by fully utilizing the Dairy Export Incentive Program ("DEIP") and the Food for Peace Program;

- Urge the USDA to take immediate administrative action to increase temporarily the product price levels in the Dairy Product Price Support Program ("DPPSP");
- Urge the USDA to make immediate dairy product purchases for WIC and other nutrition programs which received large increases in funding from the Federal stimulus package; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board, be hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, United States Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Congressman John McHugh, and the New York State Association of Counties.

DATED: August 11, 2009

Elizabeth C. Moran

Elizabeth C. Moran, Chairwoman
 Planning, Economic Development,
 Environmental and Intergovernmental
 Affairs Committee

MADISON COUNTY
 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 WAMPSVILLE N. Y.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I, Cindy Urtz, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County on Aug 11, 2009 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison.

Cindy Urtz

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Village of Peninsula

Richard W. Fisher

Mayor

August 18, 2008

The Honorable Steven C. LaTourette
United States Representative
2371 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative LaTourette:

We respectfully submit the following information concerning the Village of Peninsula, Ohio, for your consideration.

Main Topics:

1. We have lost more than 55% of our Village property to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).
2. The Village has no public water or sewer.
3. The Village is hurting financially.
4. The Village has only minimal public parking that overflows on weekends.
5. The Village is subjected to increased risk of flooding due to CVNP alterations.
6. Notification has been made that we will be losing our local school facility.
7. The CVNP receives free fire, rescue, and EMS services provided by the Valley Fire Department.

Details:

1. We have lost more than 55% of our Village property to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

We are supplying you with a copy of the October 2008 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Land Ownership map relating to the Village of Peninsula. Original Village boundary lines are shown in yellow on this map. The black lines with small spaces within them are Park boundary lines. The two principal areas without color but showing property lines are all that is left of the Village. For orientation purposes, State Rt. 303 passes directly through the Village east and west. The two highways directly north of the Village are the Ohio Turnpike and Interstate 271. The Cuyahoga River divides the Village north and south into two parts – the east part is the downtown district which includes two restaurants, several small shops, two churches, town hall, a Cuyahoga Valley Railroad stopping point, and access to the CVNP towpath hike and bike trail

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which are its main attractions. There exists uncertainty as to whether or not the CVNP is finished with their acquisition of Village properties but they say they are reaching a conclusion.

2. The Village has no public water or sewer.

In 2004, the Village had an engineering study performed to ascertain all the possibilities available to obtain both water and sewer for the Village. This included purchasing services from adjoining communities. The costs far exceeded our financial means. Hudson City water is 4/10 of a mile from our new fire station site and is 9/10 of a mile from the downtown center of our village. Akron City water is at the west boundary of the village. Cuyahoga Falls City water might become available but is currently some distance farther away. Currently residents' use drilled and dug wells, springs, and cisterns. Often these supplies are highly mineralized and/or contaminated. During dry spells, they supplement these sources by buying water. The water haulers obtain Akron City water 6.4 miles away. The two restaurants in the village both buy hauled water and supply drinking water and restroom usage freely to all including CVNP visitors at no charge. To provide sewer service is more difficult because of greater distance to a connection. The CVNP has obtained a connection to a Cuyahoga Falls sewer interceptor line for some of their sewage.

3. The Village is hurting financially.

Analysis done in 2008 showed that Peninsula Village, schools, fire district and other taxing agencies missed out on \$223,967 in potential tax revenue the previous year because of tax-exempt parkland. The CVNP now owns more than 1460 acres within the Village boundaries and is currently negotiating with our largest single tax payer, the Brandywine Country Club, for eventual purchase of this property. Also, the real estate appraisals for many properties within the Village have been increased in the range of 10 to 30 percent this year. Village employees have had no pay increase since 2005. Reduction of employees is currently being implemented.

4. The Village has only minimal public parking that overflows on weekends.

Parking becomes critical during weekends and CVNP special event days. CVNP visitors are filling the parking lots of our two churches before Sunday services begin. They also park in any other space they can find including private property. The CVNP has two parking lots about 450 feet apart that accommodate about 135 vehicles total.

5. The Village is subjected to increased risk of flooding due to CVNP alterations.

One of the two CVNP parking lots was constructed by raising the grade level adjacent to the Cuyahoga River that now provides a dam, restricting the river from overflowing its bank into the adjacent flood plain. Between the two lots a wetland was constructed which now blocks the flow of high water levels. This caused considerable flooding in May 2003 and again in June 2004. Neither the CVNP nor the Army Corp of Engineers has offered us any assistance.

6. Notification has been made that we will be losing our local school facility.

There has been a substantial reduction of students coming from the north end of our school district. Therefore, serious consideration is being given to closing the facilities located in Peninsula. Another reason is that this school does not have city water and sewer. The current private system is more vulnerable to failure and far less adequate in case of fire. The immediate effect of closure to the Village would be a potential reduction of 8 to 9 percent in income taxes coming into the Village.

7. The CVNP receives free fire, rescue, and EMS services provided by the Valley Fire Department.

The Valley Fire Department, joint venture equity of both the Village of Peninsula and Boston Township (an adjoining community) constructed a new fire station in 2006. The CVNP leased land free to the Fire Department for 65 years. The location is near the east end of Peninsula. Prior to this arrangement, the CVNP paid the Fire Department \$3500.00 per year for its services and this fee was cancelled upon implementation of the lease agreement. Property owners of Peninsula and Boston Township are paying the wages of the fire department employees to provide these free services to the Park.

Conclusion

We are including news clippings, maps, and documentation by others as further information for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Fisher, Sr.
Mayor

Enclosures

Cc: President Barack Obama
Senator George Voinovich
Senator Sherrod Brown
Representative Betty Sutton
Mr. Ken Salazar, Director of the Department of the Interior
Ms Lori Rawley
Mr. Dino DiSanto
Ms Kate Ostrander
Ms Mary Anne Walsh
Mr. Kelly Hettick
Nick Kostandaras, President Summit County Council

A Brief Explanation of the State of Ohio 'retained interest use tax'

In 1985 the State of Ohio enacted the "Retained Interest Use Tax." Bill language indicates that the intent of such a tax 'is for the purpose of supplementing the general revenue of the taxing districts' in those circumstances whereby lands owned by the state, a political subdivision or the United States are not subject to taxation but provide a non-public 'privilege' of use, lease or occupancy.

Peter Henderson, retired Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council reported that the CVCC retained a local attorney to write the bill and that it was modeled after similar legislation in Massachusetts. CVCC staff were involved in the crafting of the legislation. Mr. Henderson provided the following bill summary in 2003:

1. The retained interest use tax (RIUT) is based on current tax value of the property not value at the time of acquisition.
2. The bill was written so that the amount of the RIUT paid on an annual basis was to diminish over time based on the length of the retained use period. For example:

for a property subject to a 20 yr. retained use, the RIUT amount in year one would be 20/20th or 100%. In the following year, the amount would reduce to 19/20th or 95%, and so on until the bill in year 20 would be 1/20th.
3. The taxing authority and responsibility rests with the county auditors.
4. The National Park Service has no role in the administration of this tax. However, the NPS has, upon request from the counties, provided information about current properties for which a retention or life estate were active. This information was last requested in 2003.
5. County Contact information

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Summit County Fiscal Office
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Cuyahoga County Contact:

Bill Crew
Cuyahoga County Auditors Office
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Cleveland, OH 44113
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National Park Service News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Feb. 26, 2008
Contact: David Barna or Jeffrey G. Olson (202) 208-6843

National Park System attendance rises in 2007

WASHINGTON – More than 275 million visits were recorded in America’s national park system in 2007, an increase of three million visits from the previous year.

“Despite rising gas prices and the lure of electronic entertainment, this is great news,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. “With all the recreation choices available, national parks still draw more visits than Major League Baseball, the National Football League, professional basketball, soccer and NASCAR combined.”

Bomar credited growing interest in the National Park Service Centennial as a big reason for the upswing in the number of visits to America’s national parks and monuments, national recreation areas and battlefields, national wild and scenic rivers and national seashores – 20 different park categories in all.

Bomar said, “Although our centennial is not until 2016, the President, late in 2006, charged us with a ‘Centennial Initiative’ – to make the jewels in America’s crown sparkle for another century.

“We started hearing from park lovers immediately after the announcement of the National Parks Centennial Initiative,” Bomar said, “And people said unequivocally that they love their parks. We heard more of the same support for parks across the United States during a series of more than 40 listening sessions that wrapped up a year ago this spring.”

After a record 287 million visits in 1999, and a one-year bump attributed to the 2004 opening of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., the number of visits has been in decline. “Hopefully the 2007 figures are a permanent rebound from 2006 when had 272.6 million visits,” Bomar said.

Visits to the entire National Park System

The National Park Service tracks visitation to units of the National Park System – the 391 areas set aside by Congress that include more than 100 national historical parks and historic sites, 74 national monuments, 58 national parks, 28 national memorials, two dozen national battlefields and military parks, as well as national seashores, parkways, recreation areas, and national preserves.

At 17.35 million, the Blue Ridge Parkway recorded the highest number of visits in the National Park System last year. Golden Gate National Recreation Area was second with 14.4 million visits. Gateway National Recreation Area was third at 8.8 million visits followed by Lake Mead National Recreation Area at 7.6 million visits, and Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area at 4.8 million visits.

While the number of visits across the National Park System varies widely, 70 units recorded one million or more visits in 2007.

10 Most Visited Units of the National Park System (2007)	
Park Unit	<i>Recreational visits</i>
1. Blue Ridge Parkway	17,352,286
2. Golden Gate National Recreation Area	14,397,313
3. Great Smoky Mountains National Park	9,372,253
4. Gateway National Recreation Area	8,813,204
5. Lake Mead National Recreation Area	7,622,139
6. George Washington Memorial Parkway	6,837,139
7. Natchez Trace Parkway	5,777,666
8. Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	4,836,229
9. Grand Canyon National Park	4,413,668
10. Cape Cod National Seashore	4,351,609

Visits to the 58 National Parks

The 58 national parks were the most popular park category in 2007 with 62.3 million visits. And 19 national parks recorded one million or more visits in 2007.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park recorded 9.37 million visits in 2007, the highest number of the national parks. Grand Canyon National Park was second with 4.4 million visits while Yosemite National Park was third in visits with 3.5 million. Yellowstone National Park was fourth in visits with 3.15 million. Olympic National Park was fifth in visits with 2.99 million.

Rounding out the top 10 of national park visits are Rocky Mountain National Park, 2.89 million, Zion National Park, 2.66 million, Grand Teton National Park, 2.59 million, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 2.49 million, and Acadia National Park, 2.2 million.

10 Most Visited National Parks (2007)	
Park Unit	<i>Recreational Visits</i>
1. Great Smoky Mountains NP	9,372,253
2. Grand Canyon NP	4,413,668
3. Yosemite NP	3,503,428
4. Yellowstone NP	3,151,343
5. Olympic NP	2,988,686
6. Rocky Mountain NP	2,895,383
7. Zion NP	2,657,281
8. Grand Teton NP	2,588,574
9. Cuyahoga Valley NP	2,486,656
10. Acadia NP	2,202,228

Historic Visitation Trends

National park visitation statistics are viewable on the National Park Service web site. The Public Use Statistics Office web address is <http://www.nature.nps.gov/stats> . Below is a list of visitation statistics for 1916 to 2007. Since 1916, the National Park System recorded more than 11 BILLION visits.

National Park System, Recreation Visits by Year							
1916	358,006	1940	16,755,251	1964	111,385,700	1988	282,451,441
1917	490,705	1941	21,236,947	1965	121,312,000	1989	269,399,837
1918	454,841	1942	9,370,969	1966	133,081,100	1990	255,581,467
1919	811,516	1943	6,828,420	1967	139,675,600	1991	267,840,999
1920	1,058,455	1944	6,339,775	1968	150,835,600	1992	274,694,549
1921	1,171,797	1945	11,713,852	1969	163,990,000	1993	273,120,925
1922	1,216,497	1946	21,752,315	1970	172,004,600	1994	268,636,169
1923	1,493,792	1947	25,534,188	1971	153,693,000	1995	269,564,307
1924	1,607,498	1948	29,858,828	1972	165,653,523	1996	265,796,163
1925	2,054,562	1949	31,736,402	1973	168,923,083	1997	275,236,335
1926	2,314,995	1950	33,252,589	1974	171,054,779	1998	286,739,115
1927	2,797,840	1951	37,106,440	1975	190,390,827	1999	287,130,879
1928	3,024,544	1952	47,379,438	1976	216,554,782	2000	285,891,275
1929	3,248,364	1953	52,268,180	1977	210,569,712	2001	279,873,926
1930	3,246,656	1954	54,210,200	1978	222,184,026	2002	277,299,880
1931	3,544,938	1955	56,572,800	1979	205,369,795	2003	266,099,641
1932	3,754,596	1956	61,602,300	1980	220,463,211	2004	276,908,337
1933	3,481,590	1957	68,016,000	1981	238,592,669	2005	273,488,751
1934	6,337,206	1958	65,460,900	1982	244,924,579	2006	272,623,980
1935	7,676,490	1959	68,900,500	1983	243,619,396	2007	275,581,547
1936	11,989,793	1960	79,229,000	1984	248,785,509		
1937	15,133,432	1961	86,663,200	1985	263,441,808		
1938	16,331,467	1962	97,044,800	1986	281,094,850		
1939	15,530,636	1963	102,710,800	1987	287,244,998		

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, GOVERNOR

June 19, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

VIA Fax and hard copy: 202.456.2461

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for the invitation to participate in your national service initiative, "United We Serve." In South Dakota, community service is a fundamental part of our heritage, and I am happy to help you renew focus on the importance of community service during these tough economic times.

To highlight the importance of this community service initiative, I will kick off our South Dakota campaign by issuing the enclosed proclamation. Additionally, I have encouraged department secretaries to focus on community service initiatives throughout this time period.

Some examples of state community service initiatives include:

- ◆ Casual Days. Employees pay a dollar to wear jeans on Friday or other selected days to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Through the years, we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for community service projects.
- ◆ Honor Flight. The Lt. Governor and department secretaries have worked to raise funds to send South Dakota WWII veterans on honor flights. One department is raising funds by sponsoring a pork feed.
- ◆ Capital Community Celebration. State government and the communities of Pierre/Ft. Pierre host activities and dinner for the community to celebrate our partnership. This year attendees donated food for the local food pantry.
- ◆ Events. Employees are active participants in the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Heart Association, Countryside Hospice, Muscular Dystrophy, and Cystic Fibrosis fundraising walks or events. Employees work to stay healthy for a cause.
- ◆ Lending a Helpful Hand. Employees donate seeds and gardening tools to plant gardens, clean up roadways, provide sporting goods and equipment to Indian reservations, paint, refurbish bicycles, paint signs, serve meals, and much more.

President Obama
June 17, 2009
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- ◆ Awards. We also award exemplary community service – service for going above and beyond, including the Everyday Hero Award, and awards given by individual departments for community service efforts.

Thank you for renewing our nation's focus on the importance of community service. I am happy to work to support your national service effort by renewing the focus on what state employees and South Dakotans can do to give back to their communities.

Sincerely,



M. Michael Rounds

MMR:nn

Enc.

cc: Valerie Jarrett, Senior Advisor to the President

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, The state of South Dakota was built through the generosity and giving of so many during our earliest days; and,

Whereas, Community service remains a strong part of the fabric of South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, Lifelong participation in community service contributes to the development of our citizens; and,

Whereas, Community service is an important part of the safety net for those experiencing a need; and,

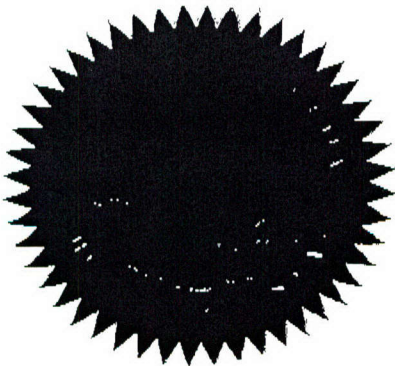
Whereas, The nation is facing an economic crisis which also has impacted South Dakota; and,

Whereas, We all can help our nation recover from these challenging times by giving back to our communities in a meaningful way; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2009, through September 11, 2009, as a period of time when all South Dakotans should:

GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.





M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, GOVERNOR

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August 5, 2009

ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**Honorable Barack Obama
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20502**

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you ever so much for your gracious letter of congratulations and best wishes on my 90th birthday and for your generous comments. It was thoughtful of you to take the time out of your busy schedule to write me, and I am deeply grateful to you.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations and good wishes on your birthday.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Morgenthau



Hon. Evelyn Vázquez Nieves

Senadora Distrito Mayagüez - Aguadilla

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y Asuntos de Familia*

Comisión de Agricultura

Comisión de la Montaña

August 3rd, 2009

Honorable Barack Obama
President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania – NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

Receive a respectful greeting from the Senator that subscribes.

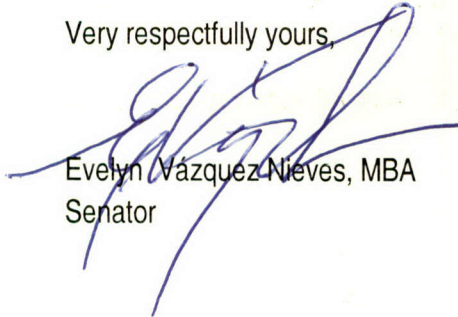
Great events mark the changes of each era in the history of humanity. Your historic election to the presidency of the United States is one of these events. You now continue this hopeful drift towards a new period with the possibility of attainment and recognition for the ethnic diversity of cultures that coexist on american soil.

You must be thanked for holding up the right of equal opportunities, having nominated Sonia Sotomayor, a judge of puertorrican ascendancy to the highest of all juridical appointments.

As the admirer and student of Abraham Lincoln that you have always been, you have truly shown that in the United States, democracy is "of the people, for the people and by the people".

It is a privilege to be able to witness your leadership and to share the hope of a better tomorrow.

Very respectfully yours,


Evelyn Vázquez Nieves, MBA
Senator

EL PASO



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August 10, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed please find a resolution unanimously passed by the El Paso County Board of Directors regarding H.R. 3200.

On behalf of the Board, I hope you take our concerns with this legislation into consideration as the bill is debated.

Sincerely,

Jim Bensberg
Chairman

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JIM.BENSBERG@ELPASOCO.COM

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the El Paso County Board of Commissioners regarding the need for the United States to address the issue of health care reform through an approach that maintains the economic viability of Colorado hospitals and medical clinics, preserves patient choice and preference, and achieves universal coverage.

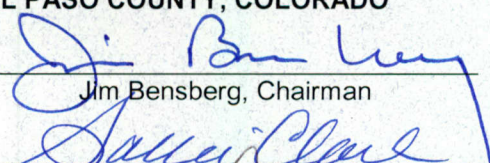
- WHEREAS,** far-reaching plans are in the works to remake our nation's health care system, which include a public plan health insurance "option"; and
- WHEREAS,** over \$600 billion has been set aside as a mere down payment for health care reform over the next decade, an investment that, if made, must be devised with thoughtful deliberation; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado's health care industry is one of the state's largest employers, accounting for more than 630,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** a public plan health insurance "option" could result in over 100 million people shifting from private plan coverage in the first year, causing many hospitals to lose millions of the only patients they profit from; and
- WHEREAS,** the loss of revenue caused by the public plan "option" would threaten the hospitals that serve as economic engines in Colorado's communities and cripple our state's access to health care; and
- WHEREAS,** the only possible response to this health care industry economic threat would be to approve massive amounts of new federal spending and corresponding tax increases to make up for the shortfall; and
- WHEREAS,** the real solution to our nation's health care crisis is ensuring universal coverage within the realms of the current health care market; and
- WHEREAS,** 82 percent of privately-insured Americans are satisfied with their health care coverage, which empowers them to make health decisions based on plan preferences and chosen doctors; and
- WHEREAS,** while we recognize the importance of access to quality healthcare, as proposed, the impact on businesses could result in a cost to individuals who decline to buy Federal mandatory health insurance coverage a penalty of 2.5% of their income up to the average cost of a health insurance plan. In addition, employers who do not provide coverage could pay a penalty equal to 8% of workers' wages, thereby affecting the ability for businesses to create and maintain jobs; and
- WHEREAS,** penalizing employers at a time when private job creation is desperately needed is counterproductive to an economic recovery and specifically to a recovery in El Paso County; and
- WHEREAS,** the passage of HR3200 would increase costs on the taxpayers of El Paso County by increasing costs for the County's health insurance plan which could cause the taxpayers of El Paso County millions of dollars in increased costs.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the sense of the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, that the United States should not pursue a public health insurance option and instead pursue a policy that relies on private options in a reformed and well regulated private market.

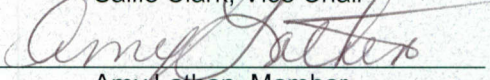
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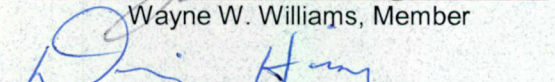
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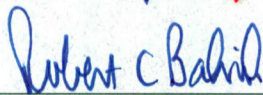

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS®

HAROLD A. SCHAITBERGER
General President

VINCENT J. BOLLON
General Secretary-Treasurer

April 22, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with our deepest regret and sorrow that we inform you about the line-of-duty death of one of our fire fighters. On behalf of the 290,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, we are providing you with the following information concerning the deceased.

Name James A. Harlow
Age 50
Date of Death April 12, 2009
Cause of Death Unknown - Pending further investigation
Fire Department Houston , Texas
Wife Debbie Harlow
Address P6/b(6)
Children Brandy Rooth
James Harlow, Jr.
Travis Harlow

We appreciate your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Schaitberger
General President

cc: Peter Gorman, Chief of Staff, IAFF
Office of Presidential Support, The White House
Glenn Gaines, Acting Administrator, United States Fire Administration
Hope Janke, USDOJ, Public Safety Officers Benefits Program
Jerry Montella, IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Coordinator
Dawn Castillo, NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program



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Name	Damion J. Hobbs
Age	29
Date of Death	April 12, 2009
Cause of Death	Unknown - Pending further investigation
Fire Department	Houston , Texas
Sister	Janice DeShazer
Address	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-left: 10px;">P6/b(6)</div>
Children	None

We appreciate your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Schaitberger
General President

cc: Peter Gorman, Chief of Staff, IAFF
Office of Presidential Support, The White House
Glenn Gaines, Acting Administrator, United States Fire Administration
Hope Janke, USDOJ, Public Safety Officers Benefits Program
Jerry Montella, IAFF Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Coordinator
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April 21, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with our deepest regret and sorrow that we inform you about the line-of-duty death of one of our fire fighters. On behalf of the 290,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, we are providing you with the following information concerning the deceased.

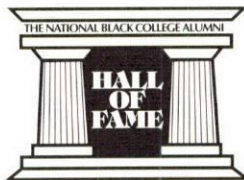
Name	Steve Mertz
Age	53
Date of Death	April 8, 2009
Cause of Death	Cancer
Fire Department	Tinker AFB , Oklahoma
Wife	Martha Mertz
Address	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px; display: inline-block;"></div> - <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">P6/b(6)</div>
Children	Christopher Mertz Deana Butcher Alicia Sparkman Cheryl Kitchens Christina Sparkman

We appreciate your interest and concern in this matter.

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Miss NBCE Hall of Fame

June 25, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. (Hall of Fame) is a 501c3 organization dedicated to the growth and development of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and is committed to securing supplemental scholarships for students attending HBCUs. Annually we highlight the tremendous accomplishments of distinguished alumni of these institutions.

This year we will celebrate the 24th anniversary of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation's Induction Ceremony. The Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

We are requesting that you write a letter of welcome for inclusion in our Hall of Fame Weekend Program Book.

During the past 23 years, we have inducted over 250 distinguished alumni from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), into the Hall of Fame. These inductees have excelled in the fields of Arts/Entertainment, Athletics, Business/Industry, Community Service, Education, Faith & Theology, Government/Law, Medicine, Science and Lifetime Achievement.

Should you need additional information, your staff can contact my office at (404) 524-1106, or me at [redacted] (cell). Our website is www.nbcahof.org. Thank you in advance for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you as we celebrate our 24th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Sincerely,

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Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.
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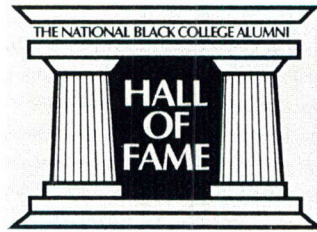
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<u>Category</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>College/University</u>
Arts	Ernest Eugene "Ernie Barnes, Jr. <i>POSTHUMOUSLY</i>	North Carolina Central University
Athletics	Edith McGuire-Duvall	Tennessee State University
Athletics	Arthur "Art" Shell	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Business	Dr. Theophilus Boyd, III	Tennessee State University
Industry	Logan H. Westbrooks	Lincoln University
Community Service	Joyce M. Roche'	Dillard University
Education	Dr. Earl S. Richardson	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Government/Law	The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson	Tougaloo College
Lifetime Achievement	Dr. Cameron M. Alexander	The Interdenominational Theological Center
Lifetime Achievement	Samuel "Sam" Jones	North Carolina Central University
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HISTORY

The Council of National Alumni Associations (CNAA) established the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., who was the National President of CNAA, conceived and developed the proposal for the foundation. The members of CNAA recognized the need for alumni to move to the forefront of the effort to save black colleges and formed the NBCA Hall of Fame Foundation.

The organization formed its mission around assisting alumni associations and other organizations as they work together to ensure survival and stability of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). The organization also serves to educate the general public about the contributions of HBCU's and their alumni.

MISSION

The mission of The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation is to be a catalyst and partner for ensuring the stability, strength and excellence of the nation's historically and/or predominately Black colleges and universities.

GOALS

- Preserving and highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Partnering with alumni, administrators, students, corporations, non-profit organizations and others to provide enhanced technical and financial resources to these colleges and universities on an ongoing basis
- Developing, coordinating and executing events to raise funds for new and existing programs that support historically Black college campuses, national alumni associations and their prospective students
- Encouraging students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities to take pride in their institutions and in the communities surrounding them.



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Hall of Fame Inductees

Arts & Entertainment

- 1986 Leontyne Price, Central State University
1987 Lionel Richie, Tuskegee University
1988 Phylicia Rashad, Howard University
1989 Jack "The Rapper" Gibson, Lincoln University of Missouri
1990 John T. Biggers, Hampton University
1991 Dr. William Taylor, Virginia State University
1991 Tim Reid, Norfolk State University
1992 Olivia Ward, Bowie State University
1993 Robert DoQui, Langston University
1994 Roscoe Lee Brown, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
1995 Dr. Tommie Stewart, Jackson State University
1996 Oprah Winfrey, Tennessee State University
1997 Dr. Rosalyn A. Walker, Hampton University
1998 Dr. Della B.T. Hardman, West Virginia State College
1998 JoMarie Payton, Albany State University
1999 Debbie Allen, Howard University
1999 Robert "Bob" Thompson, West Virginia State University
2000 Kenny Leon, Clark Atlanta University
2001 Joe Torry, Lincoln University of Missouri
2002 Nancy Wilson, Central State University
2003 Leo Twiggs, Claflin University
2003 Dr. Bobby Jones, Tennessee State University
2005 Emmanuel Lewis, Clark Atlanta University
2006 Irma Dolores Player Hall, Texas College
2006 Lynn Whitfield, Howard University
2008 Denise Dowse, Norfolk State University

Athletics

- 1986 Eddie Robinson, Grambling State University
1987 Willis Reed, Grambling State University
1988 Walter Payton, Jackson State University
1989 Louis Brock, Southern University
1990 John Stallworth, Alabama A & M University
1991 Harry Carson, South Carolina State University
1992 Dr. Leroy Walker, Benedict College
1993 Willie Davenport, Southern University
1994 Dr. James Frank, Lincoln University of Missouri
1995 Ralph Boston, Tennessee State University
1996 Alice Coachman Davis, Albany State University
1996 Edwin Moses, Morehouse College
1997 William J. Robinson, West Virginia State University
1998 L.J. "Stan" Lomax, Fort Valley State University
1999 Steve Wilson, Howard University
2001 Marques Haynes, Langston University
2003 Hiawatha Knight, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
2004 Doug Williams, Grambling State University



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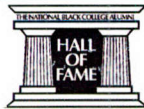
- 2005 Wyomia Tyus, Tennessee State University
- 2006 Elvin Lamoní Bethea, North Carolina A & T University
- 2007 April Holmes, Norfolk State University
- 2008 Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, Winston-Salem University

Business and Industry

- 1986 Herman J. Russell, Tuskegee University
- 1987 Earl G. Graves, Morgan State University
- 1988 Carl Ware, Clark Atlanta University
- 1989 Joshua I. Smith, Central State University
- 1990 Harlow Fullwood, Jr., Virginia Union University
- 1991 Jesse Hill, Jr., Lincoln University of Missouri
- 1992 Daniel Kennon, Jr., Talladega College
- 1992 E. J. "Jay" Williams, St. Paul's College
- 1993 Willie E. Gary, Shaw University
- 1994 William Cox, Alabama State University
- 1995 Joe Dudley, North Carolina A & T University
- 1996 Gerald Williams, Lane College
- 1997 Roy Terry & Rudolph Terry, Morehouse College
- 1998 Dr. Samuels Metters, Prairie View A & M
- 1999 Donald Sowell, Alcorn State University
- 2000 Dr. Thomas Boston, West Virginia State College
- 2002 Gregory Baranco, Southern University
- 2003 James F. Garrett, North Carolina A & T University
- 2004 Charles B. Gary, Claflin University
- 2004 Jeffrey E. Thompson, University of the District of Columbia
- 2005 Tom Joyner, Tuskegee University
- 2006 Alexis M. Harman, Xavier University
- 2006 Gerald B. Smith, Texas Southern University
- 2007 Ernest Hodge, Norfolk State University
- 2007 Donna James, North Carolina A & T University
- 2008 C.D. (Charles David) Moody, Morehouse College (Business)
- 2008 Dmitri Stockton, North Carolina A&T State University (Industry)

Community Service

- 1986 Martin Luther King, Jr., Morehouse College
- 1987 Ashley H. Cooke, Jr., Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
- 1988 Geraldine Henderson, Fayetteville State University
- 1989 Rev. Dr. Joseph Jackson, Jackson State University
- 1990 Frances Delee Taylor, Claflin College
- 1991 Thelma Parks, Langston University
- 1992 Xernona Clayton, Tennessee State University
- 1993 Rev. Leon Sullivan, West Virginia State College
- 1994 Charles Barlow, Morris Brown College
- 1995 Rev. Dr. Cecil Murray, Florida A & M University
- 1996 Theodore Blunt, Winston-Salem State University
- 1997 Lyda Hannan, Fort Valley State University
- 1998 Ollie W. Gates, Lincoln University of Missouri
- 1999 Dr. Joseph Lowery, Knoxville College



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- 2000 George Dillard, Langston University
- 2001 Dr. Reatha King, Clark Atlanta University
- 2002 George H. Andrews, Alabama State University
- 2003 Hon. Myron Lowry, LeMoyne-Owen College
- 2004 Clemmie B. Hatchett, Claflin University
- 2005 Dr. Fredrick D. Reese, Jr., Alabama State University
- 2006 Royall M. Mack, Sr., North Carolina A & T University
- 2007 Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, Virginia Union University
- 2008 Dr. Reatha Clark King, Clark Atlanta University

Education

- 1986 Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse College
- 1987 Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell, Virginia State University
- 1988 Dr. Henry Cheaney, Kentucky State University
- 1989 Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, Grambling State University
- 1990 Dr. Clinita Arnsby Ford, Lincoln University of Missouri
- 1990 Dr. Maceo Nance, Jr., Langston University
- 1991 Dr. Earl W. Rand, Jarvis Christian College
- 1992 Dr. Norman C. Frances, Xavier University
- 1992 Dr. Frederick Humphries, Florida A & M University
- 1993 Dr. William Harvey, Talladega College
- 1994 Dr. Robert Albright, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
- 1995 Dr. Arthur Bacon, Talladega College
- 1996 Dr. Sebetha Jenkins, Jackson State University
- 1997 Dr. Dorothy C. Yancy, Johnson C. Smith University
- 1998 Dr. William W. Sutton, Mississippi Valley State University
- 1999 Dr. Shirley Turnage, Elizabeth City State University
- 2000 Dr. Henry Ponder, Langston University
- 2001 Dr. Roderick Paige, Jackson State University
- 2002 Dr. Wilma Roscoe, Livingstone College
- 2003 Dr. Shirley Knox-Benton, Huston-Tillotson College
- 2004 Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, Fisk University
- 2005 Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, Bethune-Cookman College
- 2006 Dr. Larry L. Earvin, Clark Atlanta University
- 2007 Dr. Benjamin Payton, South Carolina State University
- 2008 Dr. Michael L. Lomax, Morehouse College

Faith and Theology

- 2003 Bishop Eddie L. Long, North Carolina Central University
- 2004 Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Wilberforce University
- 2005 Bishop T. D. Jakes, West Virginia State University
- 2006 Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Sr., Fisk University
- 2007 Rev. Dr. Gerald Durlay, Tennessee State University
- 2008 Dr. Barbara Lewis King, Clark Atlanta University

Government and Law

- 1986 Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Howard University
- 1987 Hon. Maynard Jackson, Morehouse College



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- 1988 Hon. Earnest Finney, Jr., Claflin University
- 1989 Hon. Barbara Jordan, Texas Southern University
- 1990 Hon. Calvin Smyre, Fort Valley State University
- 1991 Hon. William Jefferson, Southern University
- 1992 Hon. John Lewis, Fisk University
- 1993 Hon. Andrew Young, Howard University
- 1994 Hon. L. Douglas Wiider, Virginia Union University
- 1995 Hon. Kweisi Mfume, Morgan State University
- 1995 Alvin O. Chambliss, Jr., Jackson State University
- 1996 Donald Hollowell, Lane College
- 1997 Hon. Eva Clayton, Johnson C. Smith University
- 1998 Col. Ora J. Williams, Alcorn State University
- 1999 Hon. John F. Knight, Jr., Alabama State University
- 2000 Hon. Michael Thurmond, Paine College
- 2000 Hon. Jesse White, Alabama State University
- 2001 Jacquelyn Barrett, Clark Atlanta University
- 2002 Hon. Clarence Cooper, Clark Atlanta University
- 2003 Hon. Willie Earl Lockette, Fort Valley State University
- 2004 Reuben V. Anderson, Tougaloo College
- 2005 Hon. Joyce London Alexander, Howard University
- 2005 Hon. James E. Clyburn, South Carolina State University
- 2006 Hon. Shirley Franklin, Howard University
- 2006 Hon. Matthew E. Perry, Jr., South Carolina State University
- 2007 Hon. Johnny Ford, Knoxville College
- 2008 Gen. Lloyd (Fig) Newton, Ret., Tennessee State University (Government)
- 2008 Julius L. Chambers, Esq., North Carolina Central University (Law)

Medicine

- 1986 Dr. George Debnam, Shaw University
- 1987 Dr. Edith Irby Jones, Knoxville College
- 1988 Dr. LaSalle Lefall, Jr., Florida A & M University
- 1989 Dr. Louis Sullivan, Morehouse College
- 1990 Dr. Ezra C. Davidson, Jr., Meharry Medical College
- 1991 Dr. Frank S. Royal, Virginia Union
- 1992 Dr. Bettye Davis-Lewis, Prairie View A & M University
- 1993 Dr. Jocelyne Elders, Philander Smith College
- 1994 Dr. Dorothy Bennett, Bennett College
- 1995 Dr. Edward Cooper, Lincoln University
- 1997 Dr. George H. Rawls, Florida A & M University
- 1998 Dr. James R. Gavin, III, Livingstone College
- 2000 Dr. David Satcher, Morehouse College
- 2001 Dr. Diane Adams, Howard University
- 2002 Dr. Yvonne Thompson Maddox, Virginia Union University
- 2003 Dr. Jesse Belmont Barber, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
- 2004 Dr. Levi Watkins, Tennessee State University
- 2005 Dr. Charlie Bridges, Alcorn State University
- 2006 Dr. Dwight D. Perry, Jr., North Carolina Central University
- 2007 Dr. Alvin H. Crawford, Tennessee State University
- 2008 Edward A. Rankin, M.D., Lincoln University



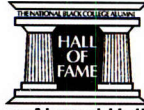
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Science

- 1986 Dr. Julian Earls, Norfolk State University
- 1987 Dr. Ronald E. McNair, North Carolina A T & T University
- 1989 Dr. Samuel P. Massie, Fisk University
- 1990 Dr. Beny J. Primm, West Virginia State University
- 1991 Dr. Hattie Carwell, Bennett College
- 1992 Dr. Walter Roberts, Mississippi Valley State University
- 1993 Dr. Jennie Patrick, Tuskegee University
- 1994 Dr. Lilia Abron, LeMoyne-Owen College
- 1995 Col. Willie L. Frazier, Claflin University
- 1996 Dr. James Harris, Huston-Tillotson College
- 1997 Dr. Joseph B. Morris, Howard University
- 1998 Robert Benjamin Lee, III, Norfolk State University
- 1999 Dr. James Letton, Kentucky State University
- 2000 Katherine Coleman Johnson, West Virginia State University
- 2008 Samuel Allen Counter, Jr., Tennessee State University
- 2001 Dr. Luther S. Williams, Miles College
- 2003 Dr. Keith Norris, Howard University
- 2007 Dr. Roosevelt Calbert, Jackson State University
- 2008 Samuel Allen Counter, Jr., Tennessee State University

Lifetime Achievement

- 1992 Dr. Mable Parker McLean-Barber Scotia College
- 1993 Dr. William A. McMillan, Sr.-Johnson C. Smith University
- 1993 Dr. John A. Peoples, Jr.
- 1994 Dr. Walter Washington-Tougaloo College
- 1995 Montford Irvin-Lincoln University of Pennsylvania
- 1995 Dr. Samuel Myers-Morgan State University
- 1995 Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., Fort Valley State University
- 1996 Hon. Parren Mitchell, Morgan State University
- 1996 Edward Stanley Temple, Tennessee State University
- 1996 Donald C. Wade, Southern University
- 1997 Lt. Julius W. Becton, Jr., Prairie View A & M University
- 1997 Hon. Damon J. Keith, West Virginia State University
- 1998 Dr. Samuel Dubois Cook, Morehouse College
- 1998 Elder Lee A. Paschal, Oakwood College
- 1999 Earl Lloyd, West Virginia State College
- 1999 John Morton, Lane College
- 2000 Dr. Clifford Baker, Alabama State University
- 2001 William "Buddy" Blakey, Knoxville College
- 2002 Azie Taylor Morton, Huston-Tillotson College
- 2002 Ozell Sutton, Philander Smith College
- 2002 Opal Smith, Prairie View A & M University
- 2003 Billye Aaron, Texas College
- 2003 Lerone Bennett, Jr., Morehouse College
- 2003 Fred Gray, Alabama State University
- 2004 Dr. Nathan Hare, Langston University
- 2004 Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Alabama State University



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- 2004 Thomas N. Todd, Southern University
- 2005 Rev. Jesse Jackson, North Carolina A & T University
- 2005 Dr. Sybil C. Mobley, Bishop College
- 2005 Hon. Lawrence Wilder, Virginia Union University
- 2006 Dr. John Hope Franklin, Fisk University
- 2006 John W. Mack, Clark Atlanta University
- 2006 Anthony Viaer, Huston-Tillotson University
- 2007 Dr. Elridge W. McMillan, Clark Atlanta University
- 2007 Benjamin S. Ruffin, North Carolina Central University
- 2007 Percy E. Sutton, Tuskegee University
- 2008 Eunice Walker Johnson, Talladega College
- 2008 Willie E. Jeffries, South Carolina State University
- 2008 Hilliard L. Lackey, III, Ph.D., Jackson State University



OPÉ
cc: Messages

May 4, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President, United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Attn: White House Office of Correspondence

Dear Mr. President:

The National Bankers Association (NBA), founded in 1927 as the Trade Association for the Nation's Minority and women owned banks and thrifts, holds its 82nd Annual Convention, October 6-9, 2009, in San Diego, California.

We would be honored to have a Greeting and Picture from you to present to all of those attending our 82nd convention.

In order to meet printing deadlines for the convention program and magazine, our office would greatly appreciate receiving the greeting and picture by August 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Grant, J. D.
President

message

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Marlin D. Schneider
DEAN OF THE ASSEMBLY

February 5, 2009

The White House
Attn: Greetings Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Member of the Greetings Office:

We are very excited to be working with your administration. One of our Wisconsin residents Myron Smith of Monroe, Wisconsin will be celebrating his 70th birthday. He would like to receive a birthday card from President Obama for his celebration. Thank you in advance. His address is:



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Sincerely,

Marlin D. Schneider

Marlin Schneider
State Representative
72nd District

"Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion." Edmund Burke Nov. 3, 1774

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cc: Greetings

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From: **Representative Marlin Schnieder** Date: **7/31/2009**
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August 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with our deepest regret and sorrow that we inform you about the line-of-duty death of one of our fire fighters. On behalf of the 293,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters, we are providing you with the following information concerning the deceased.

Name	Paul Warhola
Age	47
Date of Death	August 14, 2009
Cause of Death	Stoke
Fire Department	New York , New York
Wife	Arleen Warhola
Address	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 250px; height: 25px; display: inline-block;"></div> P6/b(6)
Children	Paul Warhola Tiana Warhola

We appreciate your interest and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Schaitberger
General President

cc: Peter Gorman, Chief of Staff, IAFF
Office of Presidential Support, The White House
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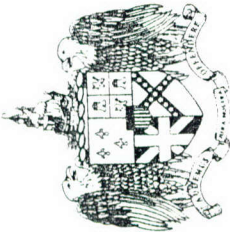
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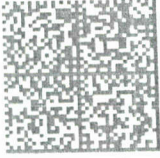
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August 3, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
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Dear President Obama:

I am writing to you today on behalf of Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will be hosting a 50th golden anniversary gala on September 25th to commemorate the 70,000+ alumni who have received degrees during these years. The College has selected fifty prominent alumni from around the country to honor at the gala and will be presenting the honorees with a booklet which will include letters of recognition from leaders around the county acknowledging this milestone for Northern Illinois University. We would very much like to include a letter of congratulations from you in the commemorative booklet. I have enclosed information on many of the accomplishments of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences over the years along with other pertinent facts and figures for your review. If possible, please draft a letter to the attention of:

Chris McCord, Dean
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Zulauf Hall Room 301
DeKalb, IL 60115

Although the letter itself can be dated September 25, 2009 we will need the letter to arrive at Dean McCord's office by **September 10, 2009** for inclusion in the commemorative book. Please let me know if you would like a sample letter written to assist you in writing your letter and my office will arrange that for you.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. Buettner
Vice President

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Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Celebrates 50 Years, Names 50 Golden Alumni Award recipients

During the 2009-2010 academic year, NIU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Liberal Arts and Sciences courses played a central role in at Northern Illinois since the institution's founding, but formal approval of the college in 1959 began a period of rapid growth and transition into today's comprehensive university. . This year-long celebration features a series of special events developed both to acknowledge this significant milestone and to focus on the important role the university's largest college continues to play in advancing the university's mission and preparing its graduates for *Learning for a Lifetime*.

Untold numbers of private, public and nonprofit institutions have benefited from the 70,000 alumni who have received degrees from the College over the past five decades. To mark its 50th anniversary, the College is inaugurating new college alumni awards that honor those who have distinguished themselves either in their professional fields or through their involvement in civic, cultural, or charitable service. The College this year will honor 50 Golden Anniversary Alumni Award recipients, ten from each of the past five decades, at a gala reception and dinner in Altgeld Hall on the NIU campus on September 25th.

We invite you to commemorate this important milestone in our university's history and public higher education in Illinois with a letter of congratulations to the honorees.

Facts about the College

- With 17 departments, two divisions, 33 degree programs and more than 6,500 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students annually, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest of the six undergraduate colleges at NIU.
- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences boasts 10 Ph.D.-granting programs.
- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is home to 10 highly acclaimed research centers:
 - Analytical Center for Climate and Environmental Change
 - Plant Molecular Biology Center
 - Center for Biochemical and Biophysical Studies
 - Center for Southeast Asian Studies
 - Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault
 - Center for Latino and Latin American Studies
 - Northern Illinois Center for Accelerator and Detector Development
 - Psychological Services Center
 - Public Opinion Laboratory
 - Women's Studies Program
- Virtually all NIU students, regardless of their major, benefit from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' general education and basic skills courses.

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Points of Pride

- The college sponsors the unique Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program. It encourages faculty to engage undergraduates in one-to-one mentorships focused on faculty research, thus providing students with opportunities to work as collaborators in the search for new knowledge.
- The college is helping lead university efforts to boost the science, technology, engineering and math skills and interests of students in the region, even before they reach college age. Outreach activities to thousands of students have included traveling science demonstrations, hands-on science events and summer science camps for high school and middle school students.
- Every summer for more than two decades, 50 or more high-schoolers flock to the NIU campus for an intensive summer camp experience in forensics under the guidance of an award-winning director, Judy Santacaterina. Many of her campers “grow up” in turn to become NIU communication majors and camp counselors. Other academic camps offered every summer include science exploration, creative writing, journalism and film.
- The work of NIU anthropologists has been featured in National Geographic, the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Nova, CNN, NPR, Scientific American, New Explorers with Bill Curtis and numerous professional journals.
- Anthropology Professor Susan Russell has spent the last six years working on projects designed to help bring peace to the war-torn southern Philippines. With more than \$1.5 million in funding from the U.S. Department of State, these projects bring young people from Christian, Muslim and Animist religious communities together to reconcile their differences and learn about U.S. institutions that promote tolerance and diversity.
- The Department of Biological Sciences offers a master’s degree with a specialization in bioinformatics, the blending of biology with computer science, as well as a specialization in the teaching of human anatomical sciences. These two-year programs were the first of their kind in the state. A new master’s specialization in biology teaching will be starting this fall.
- Since fall 2000, the number of undergraduates majoring in chemistry and biochemistry at NIU has more than doubled, to 200 majors in the fall of 2008. Additionally, the chemistry and biochemistry department has 49 graduate students.
- NIU Professor Douglas A. Klumpp and students in his organic chemistry laboratory class made a discovery that might help fight cancer. They found a simple method for preparing diarylalkylimidazoles, a class of compounds possessing promising activity against certain forms of cancer. The resulting research was published, with all enrolled students listed as co-authors, in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

- NIU's Department of Communication offers bachelor's degrees in journalism and communication studies (with three sub-specialties) and grants more degrees yearly than any other department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At any one time, the university has more than 1,000 undergraduates seeking degrees in the department, which also offers a comprehensive master's degree program.
- Department of Communication graduate student Andrew McCormick and undergraduate Steven Stein recently were awarded paid internships in Hollywood. The highly competitive internships were arranged through the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation. McCormick interned with the Post Group, one of the largest post-production houses in the world. Stein interned with the Cartoon Network.
- First-Year Composition, formerly known as Freshman English, is a universally-required sequence of general-education writing courses. In 1994 the English Department became one of the first and largest universities in the country to teach First-Year Composition with a fully computer-assisted curriculum. Teaching in eight academic and residence hall computer labs, training instructors and teaching assistants in the skills of teaching writing with computers, and developing original teaching methods, the department has become a major national innovator in the teaching and evaluation of computer-mediated composition.
- The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is one of the largest foreign language departments in the country, offering instruction in 14 languages, including Burmese, Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Russian, Tagalog and Thai. Students may choose among four different majors and eight different minors.
- In terms of majors and undergraduate degrees granted per year, NIU's Department of Geography is the largest geography program in Illinois.
- NIU's undergraduate program in meteorology is the oldest undergraduate program of its kind in Illinois and one of the largest undergraduate-only meteorology programs in North America. Alumni inform you about today's weather and tomorrow's forecast both regionally and nationally.
- Recent research efforts have taken Department of Geology and Environmental Geosciences students across the country and nearly to the ends of the earth, where they have collaborated with and learned from scientists in a variety of disciplines. Among the places they've recently conducted research: Montana, Utah and Texas, as well as Peru, Antarctica and the Norwegian island territory of Svalbard.
- NIU's History/Social Science Teacher Certification Program was recently judged one of the best in the nation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

- The NIU Department of Mathematical Sciences traditionally has been one of the country's largest programs for certification of secondary mathematics teachers. The department also has one of the nation's largest middle school mathematics endorsement programs.
- The Department of Mathematical Sciences has launched a unique master's degree specialization designed for certified teachers who teach, or intend to teach, middle school mathematics. It's believed to be the first program of its kind in Illinois.
- NIU's Department of Philosophy is ranked among the top six departments nationwide among those offering terminal master's degree programs, according to external rankings.
- NIU physicists and students are playing key roles in one of the world's most ambitious physics experiments: the "DZero collaboration" at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. The D-Zero collaboration explores the subatomic universe using the world's most powerful particle accelerator.
- NIU boasts the only political science program in the country that offers politics and the life sciences (or biopolitics) as a distinct field of graduate study. The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences and its journal were both founded at NIU.
- NIU's public administration program, a division within the Department of Political Science, produces about *one-third of all* Illinois city managers. U.S. News & World Report ranks the program third nationally in the specialty field of city management and urban policy.
- The Department of Psychology directs a multi-million dollar innovative program funded by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide comprehensive clinical assessments to children in foster care and their families. The program is designed to identify critical needs and services for children and their families in the 17 counties that make up the DCFS Northern Region of Illinois. Having served over 2,500 children, this program is one of a kind and serving as a model for other states in the nation.
- For 15 consecutive years, Sociology Professor Jack King has taken students on a spring break to Pensacola, Fla.—but it's not a week of rest and relaxation. Instead, King and his sociology students, in partnership with Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, have helped build homes for low-income families, including many who lost houses during past hurricane seasons. These exercises of sociology in action have been greatly appreciated by the new homeowners, the Pensacola chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and the student volunteers, some of whom have returned for two or three years.
- NIU's Center for Southeast Asian Studies is known internationally for developing SEAsite (www.seasite.niu.edu), an interactive Web site that offers language and culture training programs in Burmese, Indonesian, Khmer, Lao, Tagalog, Thai and Vietnamese.

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Resolution In Support Of STEM Education & Aerospace

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WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to educating young Americans to lead the world in science, technology, math and engineering;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to enacting state-based initiatives to strengthen our nation's workforce;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to enacting federal and state-based initiatives to strengthen our nation's leadership in aviation and space;

WHEREAS, a safe, secure, and efficient air transportation system is essential to U.S. health and welfare, prosperity and competitiveness in the global economy;

WHEREAS, all fifty states and territories are advocates for R&D funding, workforce training, economic development in aviation and space, excellence in math and science education, and keeping states competitive in a global marketplace;

WHEREAS, to keep states and territories competitive in a global economy, the U.S. needs a predictable, efficient, and transparent export control system that keeps sensitive technologies out of the wrong hands while facilitating trade and cooperation with our friends and allies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recommends that the President and Congress act with a sense of urgency to accomplish the following:

1. Encourage education in the STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our children are our future.
2. Address the critical shortage of the nation's technology-knowledgeable workforce by creating incentives to encourage more college graduates to enter the technical fields.
3. Implement the "NextGen" air transportation system as soon as possible by inviting industry to compete for a comprehensive integrated solution that will achieve the objectives in the NextGen plan.
4. Increase investment in NASA's space science and aeronautics research,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent by the NLGA to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the U.S. Senate, and that NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution through a notice in StateNews magazine, and that NLGA further post the text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available at all times for all NLGA members and other interested parties.

Passed by Committee the 13th day of March 2009.

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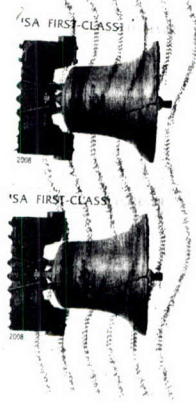
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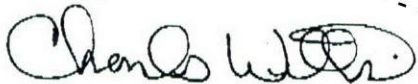
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To whom it may concern:

I am the City Councilman for the city of Midway, Florida. Midway is located west of Tallahassee and Quincy Florida. I am requesting five signed photographs of the 44th President of the United States. It would be greatly appreciated if you can send them to P.O. Box 902, Midway, Florida 32343. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [redacted] or [redacted].
Thank you



City Councilman of Midway, Fla.
District 4, Charles 'Chuck' Willis

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cc: 16A



Office of the Mayor
CARSON ROSS
Blue Springs, Missouri

August 4, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing you for the second time this year. Unfortunately, I never received a response from the first letter.

I requested a signed photograph of the President in that writing to be placed with past Presidents in my office as Mayor of Blue Springs.

It certainly would be nice to have the first African American President's photo in my office as I am the first African American Mayor of my city.

I anxiously await the arrival of the signed photograph.

Sincerely,

Carson Ross
Mayor



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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SUICIDOLOGY

AAS is a membership organization for all those involved in suicide prevention and intervention, or touched by suicide. AAS is a leader in the advancement of scientific and programmatic efforts in suicide prevention through research, education and training, the development of standards and resources, and survivor support services.

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President Barack Obama
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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August 10, 2009

Dear President Obama:

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) is a membership organization for all those involved in suicide prevention and intervention, or touched by suicide. AAS leads the advancement of scientific and programmatic efforts in suicide prevention through research, education and training, the development of standards and resources, and survivor support services.

Founded in 1968, AAS is the oldest US-based organization focused on the better understanding of suicide in order to promote human well-being and prevent suicide where possible.

The national toll from suicide is staggering. Over the last 100 years, suicides have outnumbered homicides by a ratio of at least three to two. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Americans aged 10-24 and the second leading cause of death for American college students. In the latest year for which we have national data, more than 33,000 lives were lost to suicide. Statistically one suicide death occurs in the U.S. every 16 minutes, while another 650,000 people receive emergency care after attempting to take their own lives. For each person who dies by suicide, it is estimated that between 6 and 15 individuals are left behind in the wake of these tragedies; those figures translate into as many as 500,000 people each year that lose a loved one to suicide.

Beginning in 1974, AAS began sponsoring the first week in May as Suicide Prevention Week. Our organization led the charge by developing and disseminating a Suicide Prevention Week Kit to encourage organizations across the United States to hold prevention and education awareness campaigns in their local area.

In 2004, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared September 10th to be World Suicide Prevention Day. The purpose of this observance is to promote worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides. To align efforts, AAS chose to move Suicide Prevention Week to the same week in which World Suicide Prevention Day would be observed.

Most suicides are preventable. Through public awareness campaigns, educating mental health professionals and the lay public about warning signs, and removing the stigma

associated with feelings of depression and suicidal thoughts, we can reduce the lives lost to suicide.

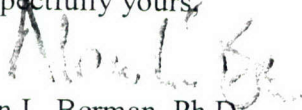
As a nation, we have slowly begun to move in the right direction through Mental Health Parity Legislation, the development of a National Suicide Prevention Strategy, led by Surgeon General Satcher and published in 2001, and national hotlines to assist veterans and the general population who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Now we need to endorse suicide prevention as a national effort.

AAS would like you to support our message that "Suicide Prevention is Everyone's Business". Please join us by issuing a Presidential Proclamation for the annual observance of National Suicide Prevention Week, commencing September 6, 2009.

We are hopeful you will be able to grant us the honor of such a proclamation as recognition of its critical importance to the lives that can be saved, and also help more families avoid the devastation of losing a loved one to suicide.

We sincerely thank you in advance for any time and consideration you may be able to give our request.

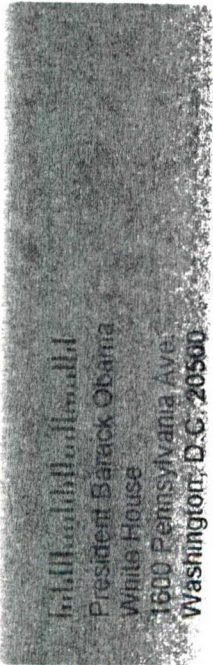
Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alan L. Berman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Alan L. Berman, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Resolution In Support Of STEM Education & Aerospace

WHEREAS, aerospace is vital to America's mobility, national security, and economic well being;

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WHEREAS, a safe, secure, and efficient air transportation system is essential to U.S. health and welfare, prosperity and competitiveness in the global economy;

WHEREAS, all fifty states and territories are advocates for R&D funding, workforce training, economic development in aviation and space, excellence in math and science education, and keeping states competitive in a global marketplace;

WHEREAS, to keep states and territories competitive in a global economy, the U.S. needs a predictable, efficient, and transparent export control system that keeps sensitive technologies out of the wrong hands while facilitating trade and cooperation with our friends and allies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recommends that the President and Congress act with a sense of urgency to accomplish the following:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent by the NLGA to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the U.S. Senate, and that NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution through a notice in StateNews magazine, and that NLGA further post the text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available at all times for all NLGA members and other interested parties.

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Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2009

Mr. EHLERS (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MICA, Mr. DENT, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. OLSON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. CALVERT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day,
and for other purposes.

Whereas the missions to the Moon by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are recognized around the globe as one of the most outstanding achievements of humankind;

Whereas the United States is a leader in the International Space Station, the first permanent human habitation and scientific laboratory in space;

Whereas the first aircraft flight occurred in the United States, and the United States operates the largest and safest aviation system in the world;

Whereas the United States aerospace industry is a powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income, directly employing 831,000 people in the United States and supporting more than 2,000,000 jobs in related fields;

Whereas space exploration is a source of inspiration that captures the interest of young people;

Whereas aerospace education is an important component of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and helps to develop the science and technology workforce in the United States;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of advanced meteorological forecasting, which has saved lives around the world;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of the Global Positioning System, which has strengthened national security and increased economic productivity;

Whereas the aerospace industry assists and protects members of the Armed Forces with military communications, unmanned aerial systems, situational awareness, and satellite-guided ordinances; and

Whereas September 16 is an appropriate date to observe “National Aerospace Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*

2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National

4 Aerospace Day”; and

1 (2) recognizes the contributions of the aero-
2 space industry to the history, economy, security, and
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Lieutenant Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol
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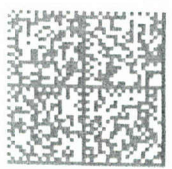
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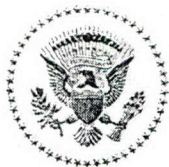
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October 30, 2008

I send greetings to those gathered for the 21st Annual Hartford Ski Spectacular, sponsored by Disabled Sports USA.

Sports are great ways to help improve physical fitness and develop important qualities like discipline, focus, and perseverance. By participating in the Hartford Ski Spectacular, competitors can showcase skills while inspiring others with disabilities to strive to reach their full potential. As participants enjoy the thrill of competition, I encourage spectators to recommit to leading healthy lives and all Americans to celebrate the contributions of individuals living with disabilities.

I appreciate Disabled Sports USA and all those who helped make this event a success. Your efforts help build on the progress that has been made for people with disabilities and ensure that our Nation remains a place of opportunity for all. I also commend our Nation's disabled veterans gathered for this event. America owes you a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Barack Obama".



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May 11, 2009

President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We have just had our 52nd Youth Day celebration in the Village of Ridgefield Park. I was very sad to hear that this was the first time it was not acknowledged by the President of the United States.

The Elk's Club of Ridgefield Park has been helping our youths for a long time in this community.

I realize that you are very busy, but I'm sure that you have a staff that could have sent a note or a commendation to our Elk's Club.

I have also written to you and sent along a picture to be signed and have not received a response. It is very disheartening to all of us here in the Village of Ridgefield Park. You could have sent it with Vice President Biden. He was here the day we celebrated Youth Day not 5 miles away. Our Sheriff Leo McGuire would have been happy to bring him since he showed up.

Yours truly,

Margaret (Maggie) R. Boyd
Commissioner

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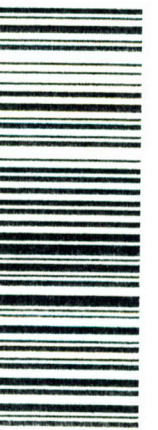
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National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution In Support Of STEM Education & Aerospace

WHEREAS, aerospace is vital to America's mobility, national security, and economic well being;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to educating young Americans to lead the world in science, technology, math and engineering;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to enacting state-based initiatives to strengthen our nation's workforce;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories are committed to enacting federal and state-based initiatives to strengthen our nation's leadership in aviation and space;

WHEREAS, a safe, secure, and efficient air transportation system is essential to U.S. health and welfare, prosperity and competitiveness in the global economy;

WHEREAS, all fifty states and territories are advocates for R&D funding, workforce training, economic development in aviation and space, excellence in math and science education, and keeping states competitive in a global marketplace;

WHEREAS, to keep states and territories competitive in a global economy, the U.S. needs a predictable, efficient, and transparent export control system that keeps sensitive technologies out of the wrong hands while facilitating trade and cooperation with our friends and allies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recommends that the President and Congress act with a sense of urgency to accomplish the following:

1. Encourage education in the STEM subjects: science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Our children are our future.
2. Address the critical shortage of the nation's technology-knowledgeable workforce by creating incentives to encourage more college graduates to enter the technical fields.
3. Implement the "NextGen" air transportation system as soon as possible by inviting industry to compete for a comprehensive integrated solution that will achieve the objectives in the NextGen plan.
4. Increase investment in NASA's space science and aeronautics research,

especially in the areas of propulsion, energy, and the environment with the goal of increasing the NASA budget to 1% of the federal budget to keep the technology engine of America moving strong.

5. Direct the departments of State, Commerce, Defense, and Transportation and NASA to form a joint task force with industry to develop an integrated legislative proposal that will enhance U.S. security, unlock the power of U.S. industry to compete around the world, and empower U.S. universities to attract the brightest and best students from around the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent by the NLGA to the President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the U.S. Senate, and that NLGA make all state elected officials aware of passage of the resolution through a notice in StateNews magazine, and that NLGA further post the text of the resolution to its web page making the resolution available at all times for all NLGA members and other interested parties.

Passed by Committee the 13th day of March 2009.

Sponsored by: Lt. Governor Brian Dubie (R-VT)

Co-sponsors: Lt. Governor Jari Askins (D-OK)

Lt. Governor James "Duke" Aiona (R-HI)

Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson (D-KS)

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Lt. Governor Tim Murray (D-MA)

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Lt. Governor Michael Fedele (R-CT)

Lt. Governor Diane Denish (D-NM)

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H. CON. RES. 167

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2009

Mr. EHLERS (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MICA, Mr. DENT, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PAUL, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. OLSON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. CALVERT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Day,
and for other purposes.

Whereas the missions to the Moon by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are recognized around the globe as one of the most outstanding achievements of humankind;

Whereas the United States is a leader in the International Space Station, the first permanent human habitation and scientific laboratory in space;

Whereas the first aircraft flight occurred in the United States, and the United States operates the largest and safest aviation system in the world;

Whereas the United States aerospace industry is a powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income, directly employing 831,000 people in the United States and supporting more than 2,000,000 jobs in related fields;

Whereas space exploration is a source of inspiration that captures the interest of young people;

Whereas aerospace education is an important component of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and helps to develop the science and technology workforce in the United States;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of advanced meteorological forecasting, which has saved lives around the world;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of the Global Positioning System, which has strengthened national security and increased economic productivity;

Whereas the aerospace industry assists and protects members of the Armed Forces with military communications, unmanned aerial systems, situational awareness, and satellite-guided ordinances; and

Whereas September 16 is an appropriate date to observe “National Aerospace Day”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring), That the Congress—*
- 3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
- 4 Aerospace Day”; and

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1 (2) recognizes the contributions of the aero-
2 space industry to the history, economy, security, and
3 educational system of the United States.

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MICHAEL FEDELE
Lieutenant Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol
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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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July 7, 2009

President Barack Hussein Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank You for your birthday greetings to His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (tus). It will be my privilege to personally hand over your card to His Holiness when I am granted an audience with him during my visit to Mumbai, India this week. I am traveling to Mumbai to attend the commemoration ceremonies on the anniversary of the demise of His Holiness's father Dr. Syedna Taher Saifuddin (ra) who was our leader until he passed away in 1965. Since then, we have led our lives sheltered by the benevolent care and guidance of the 52nd Dai al Mutlaq, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (tus).

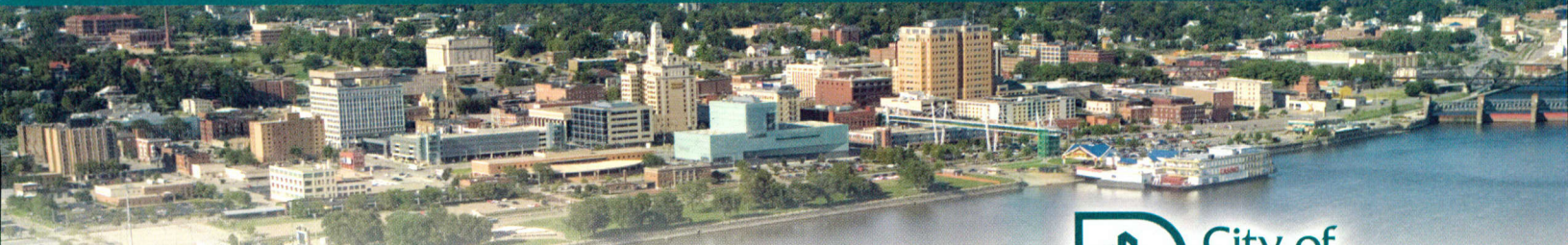
His Holiness and has been honored by Al Azhar University with an honorary doctorate degree in Islamic Studies and was awarded the title of Wishaa ul Neel by the Egyptian government in recognition of his literary erudition and his spiritual leadership. These honors are also an acknowledgement by the Egyptian academia and religious and political leaders that His Holiness and his followers, the Dawoodi Bohras draw their spiritual heritage from the Fatimid dynasty which founded the city of Cairo and the Al Azhar University, the venue that you selected to reach out to the Muslim world with empathy and appreciation of Islam's contributions to the world.

We launched the Anjuman-e-Saifee, Chicago Year Book at the reception to celebrate His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin's (tus) birthday on May 20. I am pleased to enclose a copy for you. We had hoped to publish your message of congratulations for His Holiness's 98th birthday in our 2009 yearbook. Unfortunately, we received your card after the yearbook was launched. The articles in the yearbook focus on several unique aspects of Dawoodi Bohra culture including dress, food and architecture in which you will find 'the harmony between tradition and progress' that you referred to in your speech. Our culture represents the living traditions of Islamic architecture, poetry and calligraphy. His Holiness (tus) has taught us the values of religious tolerance, patriotism and peace. We are proud to be citizens and residents of this great country and to contribute to its economy and diverse culture.

It will be my honor to request for His Holiness' prayers and blessings for the people of the United States of America and for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ubai Nooruddin
Amil Saheb and President,
Anjuman-e-Saifee, Chicago



July 15, 2009



Bill Gluba, MAYOR

Barack H. Obama
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I understand that the White House Office of Urban Affairs will be conducting a tour of cities later this year and I ask that Davenport be added to that tour. Even in this challenging economy, Davenport has compelling stories of revitalization and sustainable growth that should inform federal policy.

As a historic mid-western city transitioning from a manufacturing economy, Davenport is at the forefront of sustainability on a number of fronts. Two of our most compelling attributes include our status as the nation's largest city on a major river without structural flood protection and our leadership as a community committed to education.

While the nation spends billions on structural flood protection for cities that routinely fails, requiring billions more in emergency and reconstruction expenses, Davenport's "RiverVision" program is a national model for more environmentally and fiscally responsible floodplain management. Simply put, we treat the Mississippi River like a river, rather than a storm sewer. Over the span of years, we have transitioned our riverfront from a manufacturing workplace into a regional showplace of parks and civic attractions. This approach lets the river swell into a broad swath of green space during floods, while we utilize temporary flood protection measures at a few vital points. Our approach was tested through the historic Iowa floods of 2008 and Davenport came through with the least amount of disruption and damage of any major Eastern Iowa City. As Congress takes up the next Water Resources Development Act, Davenport's leadership in floodplain management should instruct and influence federal policy.

Davenport is also a national leader in city/school partnerships designed to build a world ready workforce. Davenport was the first city in the nation to place a universal post-secondary scholarship program, known as the "Davenport Promise," on a local ballot. The program would have supplied "first dollar" tuition payments for every Davenport high school graduate who completed a program of community service. While this pioneering effort to provide advanced vocational training or a college opportunity for every Davenport child was not successful at a referendum, the City and School District remain committed to providing enhanced educational opportunities for the community. Just recently the City joined with the schools and our local business community, to achieve the same universal post secondary education opportunity through a charter school approach. As Education Secretary Duncan considers model, pilot programs to focus federal attention on, Davenport stands ready to assist,

I applaud your efforts to craft more credible and sustainable urban policy for our nation. If I can help in any way, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Bill
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