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VIA EMAIL
(LW 2023-081)

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Stuart Delery
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. Delery:

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Obama Foundation Office
1250 24th Street
Washington, DC 20037

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