

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Ken Sibanda  
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Dear Ken:

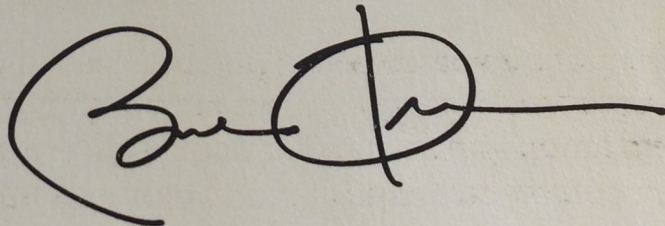
Thank you for writing. Supporting progress and stability around the world is a strategic, economic, and moral imperative for our Nation, and I appreciate your perspective.

In today's interdependent world, a financial crisis or disease outbreak on another continent can impact us here at home; investments and partnerships abroad are critical to addressing the challenges we face that transcend borders. My Administration continues to work with nations around the world to advance economic growth, promote human rights and democratic governance, respond to crises, and meet basic human needs. Our Nation's overseas development efforts are matched by our commitment to reengage with multilateral institutions and maximize the impact of foreign assistance to create conditions where the need for aid is decreased or eliminated.

Progress in even the poorest countries can advance not only the security, but also the prosperity of people far beyond their borders, including those in the United States. By opening and building markets for our goods and reducing the uncertainty and cost of doing business overseas for our companies, our international development efforts benefit the American private sector and create jobs. Ultimately, we will brighten America's future and the lives of countless women and men by growing the ranks of prosperous, capable, and democratic states that can work with us in the decades ahead.

*Thank you, again, for writing. My Administration will continue to use all our diverse capabilities, including foreign assistance, to protect Americans and create a more secure and prosperous future. To learn more about my vision for America's role in the world, visit [www.WhiteHouse.gov/Issues/Foreign-Policy](http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/Issues/Foreign-Policy), [www.State.gov](http://www.State.gov), and [www.USAID.gov](http://www.USAID.gov).*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written over a light-colored background.