

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Ms. Michelle Norman
North Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Michelle:

Thank you for writing. Your kind words reflect the hope and resolve of millions of Americans who are engaged in civic life and helping to move our country forward.

After years of grueling recession, we have cleared away the rubble of crisis. Our businesses have created over six million new jobs. Our housing market is healing and our stock market is rebounding. Consumers, patients, and homeowners enjoy stronger protections than ever before. We buy more American cars than we have in 5 years, and less foreign oil than we have in 20. And after a decade of grinding war, our brave men and women in uniform are coming home.

Today, we must match our achievements with a commitment to address the challenges that remain. It is our task as a Nation to reignite the true engine of America's economic growth: a rising, thriving middle class. It is our task to build ladders of opportunity into the middle class and to restore the basic bargain at the heart of the American dream—the idea that you can make it if you try, no matter where you are from, what you look like, or who you love.

In the days ahead, my Administration will work to make the United States a magnet for new jobs and manufacturing, to combat climate change while driving economic growth, and to reduce our deficit in a balanced way while keeping our promises to our seniors. We must pass comprehensive immigration reform, and we must take commonsense steps to reduce gun violence and get weapons of war off our streets. Government cannot solve every problem, but if we—as members of one American family—accept our obligations to one another and embrace the belief that our destiny is shared, I am confident that our country's best days lie ahead.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. To learn more about my Administration, I encourage you to explore www.WhiteHouse.gov. To get involved, please visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Engage.

Sincerely,

