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Mr. Steven Avila
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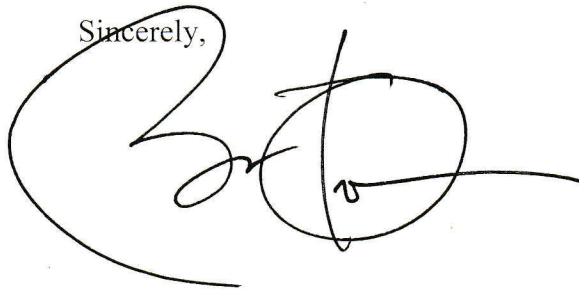
Dear Steven:

I recently learned about your diagnosis, and I want you to know my thoughts will be with you during your upcoming treatment.

Over the past few years, you have shown tremendous commitment to our shared values, and you have built a community of people who care for you deeply here in Washington. I know your friends at the White House and throughout the Administration join your family and the rest of your loved ones in admiring your courage and rooting for you. I hope their support, and the knowledge you're not in this alone, will remain a source of comfort and strength as you focus on your recovery.

Along with your devoted family and friends, I'll be thinking of you and wishing you the best in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written over the word "Sincerely,".