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Dr. Suzanne Barakat
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Dear Suzanne,

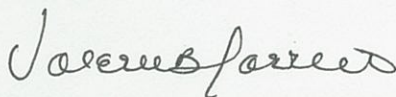
Thank you so much for being a part of President Obama's first visit to an American mosque at the Islamic Society of Baltimore. This was truly a historic occasion, enriched by your contributions to an honest dialogue on your faith, your passions, and your commitment to service in your community. I thank you for sharing your perspective and lifting up narratives of proud, patriotic Muslim Americans serving and innovating across fields that impact Americans every day.

I am deeply inspired by your resilience, strength and vocal advocacy for justice even in the face of tragedy. Deah, Yusor and Razan left profound legacies of leadership and service, and as we approach the anniversary of the tragic events in Chapel Hill, I thank you for your hard work in honoring each of them. You are a true inspiration to us all.

Thank you for embodying the American ideal of fulfilling your potential in service to others and for affirming to young Muslims across the country that they are to be celebrated – not as Muslim or American, but as Muslim and American.

Please enjoy the enclosed photos, and thank you again for joining President Obama in this momentous event.

Sincerely,



Valerie B. Jarrett
Senior Advisor