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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

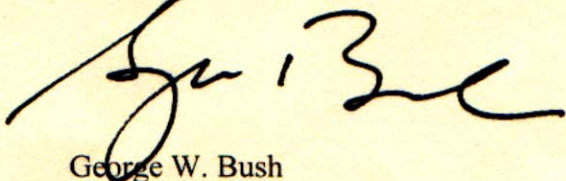
Thank you for your letter about the war in Iraq. American and coalition forces are engaged in efforts to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, to end Saddam Hussein's support for terrorism, and to free the Iraqi people. More than 40 countries are bearing the duty and sharing the honor of serving in our common defense.

Coalition forces will make every effort to spare innocent civilians from harm. We come to Iraq with respect for its citizens, civilization, and religious faiths. We have no ambition in Iraq, except to remove a threat and restore control of that country to its own people. Along with other coalition leaders, I am strongly committed to delivering humanitarian aid to the Iraqi people throughout the conflict. We also recognize our solemn obligation to help the people of Iraq build a new country that is united, stable, and free.

During this time of great consequence, we look to our Nation's Armed Forces, with the support of our coalition partners, to advance peace in a troubled world. By answering the call of duty, these brave men and women serve as examples of courage, dedication, and sacrifice. Laura and I join our military families and countless others in praying that all who serve return home safely and soon.

Thank you again for writing. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



George W. Bush