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January 24, 2008

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
4420 North Fairfax Drive
Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Senator Clinton:

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Sincerely,

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Senator Barack Obama
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