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The Honorable Howard Berman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

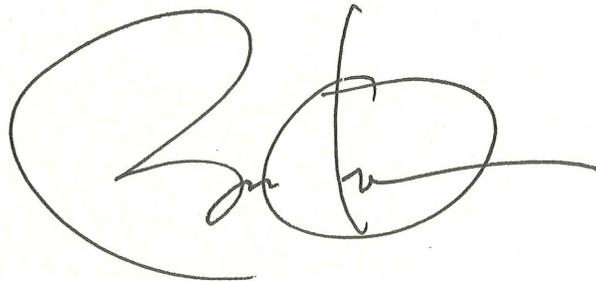
Dear Howard:

I received your message from my staff and they are looking into the issues you raised.

I also wanted to thank you for your work on export promotion, especially as we begin to implement the Panama Free Trade Agreement. As you know, this is an important step toward enhancing U.S. competitiveness, and I appreciate your extraordinary leadership, hard work, and advice on this issue and many other national security issues. We have a stronger, more secure nation thanks to your efforts.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this issue and others in the coming legislative session.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a cursive 'O' and a horizontal line extending to the right.