

# Barack Obama

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Dear Friends,

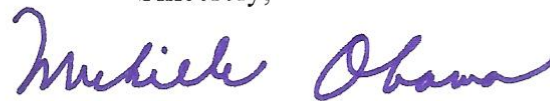
It is my pleasure to congratulate you on your plans to open a health center in Kenya. I appreciate the opportunity to share a few thoughts about your work.

As you may know, last year Barack and I visited Kenya to highlight the common interests of the American and Kenyan people in promoting good government, confronting terrorism and humanitarian crises, and addressing the global AIDS epidemic. Barack and I took a public HIV test to encourage testing and reduce the stigma of the disease. The people of Kenya received us with such warmth, and I am proud to have played a small role in promoting public health there.

Barack and I share the belief that there is a gap between the world as it is and the world as it should be. The TropicalClinics facility in Kenya represents a tremendous step in your efforts to bridge that gap. You have the opportunity to do much more for the people of Kenya than Barack and I could do in our short visit last year. Your efforts will have a profound and immediate impact on the lives of countless people, and I thank you for them.

Thank you again for allowing me to be a small part of this event. Please accept my best wishes for the success of your clinic and my appreciation for your dedication to creating a better world.

Sincerely,



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