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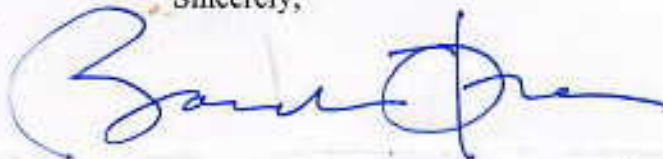
Dear JoAnne,

Thank you for sharing your new Bur Bur and Friends book series with me, and for inviting me to the celebration of the launch of the series. My family and I greatly appreciate the outpouring of support we have received from across the country since I announced my candidacy for President.

My early role models – my family – taught me the importance of diversity and open-mindedness from a young age. Growing up in Hawai'i and Indonesia, I was fortunate to live in communities with people from all sorts of different backgrounds. And when I came to Chicago, I encountered another role model in Mayor Harold Washington, whose tireless effort to combat intolerance helped make the Windy City a better place.

Thank you again for sending me the series, and I wish you all the best in the future.

Sincerely,



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