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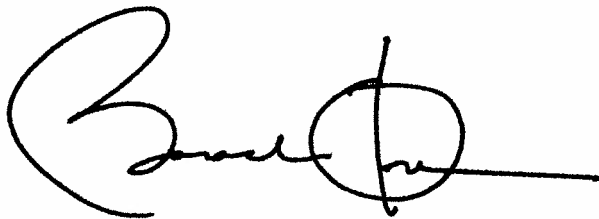
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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Our Nation's future depends on how well we educate the next generation of leaders. By building a strong foundation of service, character, and active learning, we can open doors of opportunity for our children and secure a brighter future for our country.

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has striven to prepare young men for the world they will inherit, and former Boy Scouts have reached the highest levels in every sector of American life. From members of Congress to CEOs, professors to professional athletes, these Americans have written their own chapter in our Nation's story.

As you look back on your accomplishments and enter the next century of Scouting, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned at the bottom of the page.