

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Ms. Laurabeth Messimer Lopez  
Belmont, California

Dear Ms. Messimer Lopez:

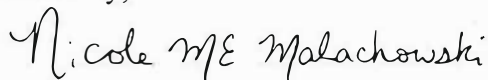
Thank you for offering to join the First Lady in supporting and honoring our military families. I want you to know that your letter and contact information will be kept on file in our office should an opportunity to collaborate arise in the future.

As you know, Mrs. Obama and Dr. Jill Biden launched Joining Forces to ensure our service members, veterans, and their families have the support they have earned. Through this initiative, they are calling on all sectors of society to address the challenges military families face and to expand opportunities for these remarkable men and women.

Over the past few years, we have seen communities, citizens, businesses, non-profits, faith-based institutions, philanthropic organizations, and government officials step up to answer this call, and Mrs. Obama believes that the continued involvement of people like you is vital to this effort. To find ways to connect with Joining Forces in your community and to share your stories please visit [www.JoiningForces.gov](http://www.JoiningForces.gov).

Thank you again for writing. Mrs. Obama greatly values the important work being done all across the country to improve the lives of our military families, and she wishes you continued success with your efforts.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, Joining Forces  
Office of the First Lady