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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear President Obama,

On Saturday, March 14, The League of Women Voters of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, participated in the Family Fun Fest at the Indiana Mall, sponsored by the Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County. Each group was asked to choose a children's book as the theme of their display. We chose "Duck for President" by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. Duck does not like the chores he has to do on the farm and decides to run for President. After he was elected he found that "running a country is very hard work!" He left the vice president in charge and headed back to the farm.

Our poster said "President Obama began his job in January and is working very hard. What are some things you think he should try to do for children in the U.S.?" Ninety-nine children wrote their responses on the pages enclosed with this letter. Some of them were typical requests: no more homework; toys and ice cream for everyone, etc. We were pleased to note that many children displayed concern for issues such as improved schools, more opportunities for outside exercise, plenty of books, and food and housing for the poor, an end to the war in Iraq.

We think these children from a rural county in Western Pennsylvania demonstrate hope for the future of our nation with their concerns for the needs of others. We thought you might enjoy reading their comments.

Sincerely,

Sherene Hess, President  
Nancy Fricke, Fun Fest project chair

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