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Dear President Biden,

I hope that you have a chance to read my letter, as I know you are very busy and I imagine you are only able to see a few of the letters that you receive. I hope that whoever reads this letter knows what a gift it is to work with you and for you Mr. President.

I am writing you and sending you this small gift because I am quite moved by what you have chosen to undertake at this time in our world. The fact that you were willing to run for President, even and despite the conditions in our country and in your own life is awe inspiring. And then, how you have already been as a President is a gift beyond measure for our country and for our world. We as citizens cannot even imagine the responsibility that you are willing to carry for us all. How you have chosen to fulfill this responsibility and to be as a President is quite remarkable. What a wonderful legacy you create every day for our country and for our world! Your choice of Vice President Harris, your choices for your Cabinet, your choices every day to do whatever you can to create a better world for us all, these choices warm my heart and affirm the goodness that is a part of our heritage and which still lives in our country. We as a people are indebted to you.

Please accept this small offering from our Temple here in Minnesota. It is my Buddhist teacher's latest holy book that has been published, *Words of a Buddha: Selected Talks 1999-2003*. I am sending it to you just so that you know that we support you and also, if you want, perhaps there is some inspiration within its pages. I hope that you are willing to receive it, even if it is not your faith. If so, please just keep it safe, preferably in a dry place and higher up in the book shelf. It will help to keep you and yours more protected and supported.

If you are not willing to receive it and keep it safe, that is fine. Just please gift it to someone else you know who may be interested in receiving it or return it to our Temple at the above address.

Thank you so much for your time and attention and for everything that you do to bring forth more light and respect and hope in our country. We are so blessed!

Sincerely,

Vajracharya Charlotte M. Steen, Abbot

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