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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
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Re: 2016 United Nations International Day of Peace, Request to Recognize

Dear Mr. President,

Your commitment to opening relations with Cuba and working with Iran to eliminate their nuclear program has given us new hope that diplomacy still has a seat at the table of peace.

As a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, you have a special obligation to protect and enhance the legacy which Nobel represents. And now you have a new opportunity, symbolic but with a powerful message to the world, by becoming the first President of the United States to officially recognize the United Nations International Day of Peace celebrated annually on September 21st.

You may be interested in knowing that on September 21, 2015, one billion people across the world celebrated the United Nations International Day of Peace! The people have spoken but governments have not responded.

Since its inception in 1981, no President, Democratic or Republican, has officially recognized the United Nations International Day of Peace. This is your opportunity to inspire the American people to celebrate the idea that peace can be more than a universal hope. This single day is meant to be a seed that can be planted within all hearts, citizens of the United States and global citizens alike, to nurture this most basic of human rights.

Please give voice and expression to countless Americans who are working every day, as individuals and organizations, to build the infrastructures and pathways to peace. Our collaboration is an important effort to help lay the groundwork for achieving peace in our lifetimes.

Mr. President, this is a historic opportunity. Please recognize the International Day of Peace. Build your legacy as a Nobel Laureate and restore vision to your tenure as President of United States of America, and make history on this significant occasion.

It will be remembered as a high point in your service to the American people.

Most Respectfully,

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