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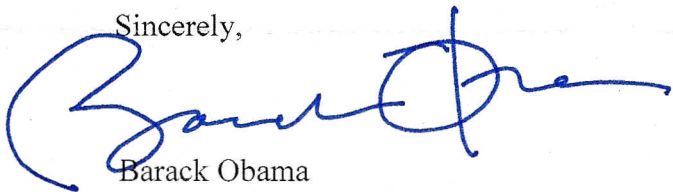
Dear President Sridhar:

I want to congratulate you and the people of the Akshaya Pātra Foundation for the incredible progress you've made in feeding the children of India. Your use of efficient and innovative business practices to scale up in just a few years from feeding 1,500 school children daily to almost a million is a powerful demonstration of what's possible when people work together.

Behavioral, emotional and academic problems are more prevalent among children with hunger. Hunger and malnutrition also make it much more difficult to fight AIDS and other public health challenges. By feeding children now, you are helping to avoid many negative consequences that would be much more difficult and expensive to address later on.

In just a few years, Akshaya Pātra has become the largest single feeding program in the world. Your example of using advanced technologies in central kitchens to reach children in 5,700 schools is an imaginative approach that has the potential to serve as a model for other countries. Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,



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