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President Barack Obama  
The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I've heard that ten letters a day are chosen for you to read. So before we lose the best president ever, I want to tell you about the coolest thing that happened to me during your first campaign for president.

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I was a [REDACTED] substitute teacher in Florida in 2008, a little old white lady and ardent Obama supporter. When I heard about 'the Bradley effect'—the idea that you'd never win because white voters might *say* they'd vote for you, but when push came to shove they'd vote for the white guy—I found it very offensive! I knew it wasn't true. Oddly enough, I knew a few white people, and almost all of them were planning to vote for you. Still, I felt I needed a way to broadcast the fact that there were definitely some white people out there who supported you. So I put a big sign on the back windshield of my car that read: OLD WHITE DAME FOR OBAMA

I was on my way to work one morning when I stopped at a convenience store. I'd only been there a short time when the door opened and a young black woman approached me and said, "Is that you? 'Old white dame'?" Feeling a little sheepish, I said, "Yeah, that's me." She immediately threw her arms around me in a very enthusiastic bear hug and hollered, "We are gonna *win* this, girl! We are gonna win this to-geth-er!!" And I hollered back, "Yes we *are*!!" And we laughed and jumped up and down for a while, just so happy knowing that yes, you *would* win if we had anything to say about it! It was a very moving moment for me, Mr. President. A little crazy perhaps, but kinda sweet, too, and I'm sure it's the only time I ever jumped up and down in public with a total stranger. I never found out who she was, which I so regret now! But I'll always remember that little bit of giddy joy we shared. I wish I could talk to her again. I'm sure she would agree that we're really going to miss you.

Thank you for all you did and all you tried to do. Thank you for being a statesman, and a role model for fairness; for being thoughtful and deliberative; and for knowing how to tell a joke. Thank you for just being a good man. I wish you and your lovely family a long, peaceful and joyous future. Most sincerely,

Joan Mabry, United States citizen

p.s. Omg, I loved the 'Beer Summit' 

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