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Dear Dr. Luthra,

Thank you for writing to me about education.

The First Lady and I have always believed that students are the kite strings that lift our national ambitions. The more we invest in our children and their dedicated educators today, the stronger our country will be tomorrow.

Since taking office, I have worked tirelessly to get our children safely back in the classroom after the pandemic, support the academic and mental health needs of students, and hire more teachers and counselors. To support education beyond high school, I championed billions of dollars to colleges and universities during the pandemic for emergency student financial aid. I also signed the largest increase to the maximum Pell Grant in over a decade, fixed broken student loan programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, created the most affordable student loan repayment plan ever, and approved tens of billions of dollars in loan cancellation for millions of borrowers across the country—including public service workers and those who have been defrauded by their colleges.

However, there's still more work to be done. I am committed to giving every child in America a world-class education and providing educators with the resources they need and the raises they deserve. I will also continue to stand with educators and students against politicians who are trying to score political points by banning books and dictating to parents what their children can think or who they can be. And while the Supreme Court sided with Republican elected officials to block my student debt relief plan, I'm not going to stop fighting to deliver student loan relief to Americans who need it most. My Administration will use every tool at our disposal to provide more breathing room for Americans to reach their dreams.

Together, we are going to build an education system that prepares our children to win the future. I appreciate hearing your ideas on how we'll get it done.

Sincerely,