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Throughout our history, America has advanced not only because of the will of our citizens or the vision of our leaders. America has also been driven forward by our paintings and poems, stories and songs, and dramas and dances. As the arts disrupt our views and enrich our lives, they stir within us a desire to be our best selves and inspire us to strive for a more perfect Union.

Weaving cultural elements from across the globe, our Nation's creative identity reflects the diversity of our people. Appealing to our common humanity, great works of art celebrate our differences and bring us together.

As you share in art's power to speak to us all, I wish you the very best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.