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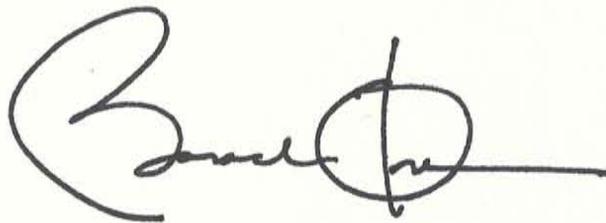
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I am pleased to send greetings to all those celebrating National Fossil Day 2010.

America's future depends on maintaining our role as the world leader in scientific research and technological development. To achieve this goal, we must prepare today's students to become tomorrow's innovators—in part by teaching them about our past.

Partnerships like National Fossil Day help foster an appreciation of science education and cultivate a love of learning among America's young people. These efforts provide students with an opportunity to explore and discover the wonder of the sciences, inspiring them to dream the solutions of tomorrow and confront the myriad challenges of the 21st century.

As you celebrate America's prehistoric heritage and promote awareness and stewardship of fossils, I wish you all the best.

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