

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 2009

Dear Madam Speaker:

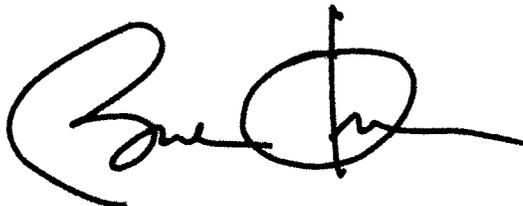
This week, as reports of the 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak around the world were made public, my Administration has been carefully monitoring the situation, coordinating State and local responses, assessing the risks here in the United States, and cooperating with international organizations and health officials around the globe.

Out of an abundance of caution, I am asking the Congress to include in the Fiscal Year 2009 supplemental budget request that I sent to you earlier this month an amount of \$1.5 billion to enhance our Nation's capability to respond to the potential spread of this outbreak. These funds should be provided with maximum flexibility to allow us to address this emerging situation. Among the uses of these funds could be: supplementing anti-viral stockpiles; developing a vaccine; supporting the monitoring, diagnostic, and public health response capabilities; and assisting international efforts to stem this outbreak.

Already, Federal, State, and local public health officials are working day and night to respond quickly and effectively wherever cases of this flu may be found and to prepare the entire country for any potential progression of this outbreak.

Thank you for your consideration of this funding request and for your continued cooperation in protecting the Nation's health and safety.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515