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The Honourable Barack Obama President of the United States of America The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, D.C. 20500 United States of America

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Dear Mr President,

Please accept my sincere condolences, on behalf of the people of Scotland, following the recent act of terrorism against members of Orlando's LGBT community, and indeed the United States.

We have all been tremendously shocked and saddened by the attack and as an act of solidarity the Pride flag was flown at half mast on 13 June at Scottish Government buildings. A vigil, also held on the same day in Glasgow's George Square, to remember the victims was attended by hundreds of people and is symbolic of our solidarity with those affected by this terrible tragedy.

Please be assured of the deep sympathy of Scotland at this difficult time for your country, and of any help that we might provide in the days ahead.

NICOLA STURGEON