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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

On behalf of the entire Goodman family, I write to thank you for honoring my brother, Andrew Goodman, posthumously with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Your decision to recognize Andrew, along with James Chaney and Michael Schwerner, also honors many others (famous or little known) who have sacrificed greatly to uphold the promise of freedom and equality on which this country was founded—a long struggle for our great nation that started in 1776 and continues unabated to this day.

Through The Andrew Goodman Foundation, our family continues to support ordinary people who do extraordinary work to further freedom and justice. We empower the next generation of Americans to initiate effective social action. Our flagship *Vote Everywhere* program trains college-age leaders to register voters and organize their peers to take action on issues that matter to them and to our country.

If we can be of service to you or participate in any capacity to uphold our nation's democracy, we stand ready to do so. It would be an honor and a pleasure, especially as we near the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Thank you again for this honor, and your kind, deeply stirring and generous remarks at the awards ceremony.

Warmest Regards,


David Goodman
President of the Andrew Goodman Foundation
Brother of Andrew Goodman