



President Barack Obama  
The White House  
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Dear Mr President,

I am writing this personal letter to you, as i can imagine the large volumes of emails and letters you receive each day.

After looking at the news and reading my notes on the last Summit held not so long ago at Gleneagles Hotel (Scotland), just one hour's drive from my home, the message the world leaders then shared was to help make poverty history, in other words to take responsibility together.

On several visits to Eastern Europe, I have personally noticed a decline in the welfare of our fellow citizens. I do understand there is a global financial crisis, but I feel each and every one of us should take more action in our society, and play a more active role in everyday life.

During my last trip to Eastern Europe, I had received by accident an American quarter. During my flight as I was writing my notes, the coin caught my eye. "In God We Trust" and Liberty. It seems to me that lots of folk have turned their back on God. In many countries, and also in Scotland churches are sold. Just recently I was told again, there is no God and I that the person was an Atheist.

It is still amazing that on the US coinage we find these words which I believe many of us don't even notice or care about.

In this world we live in today, many are still chasing the fast money, the latest gadget, three mobiles and if possible the latest car. It seems to me these are the things that are

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important to us and will make us happy. I personally do not believe in world economic recovery very soon, if each of us does not make changes to our lifestyle.

Looking at Eastern Europe, the small tradesmen and women are no longer there. No watch repair, no shoemaker, no key cutting nor even a lock smith is hard to find, not even speaking about farming, because it is cheaper to import from e.g. Brasil and make 500% profit, while in many countries just a few can afford this luxury.

The basic food production in many countries is at risk, and many of us do not see the danger. My concern is that poverty is growing in Europe but also in Africa, the US and other countries.

My view is that we should encourage small businesses by lower taxes and incentives to kick start our world economy. Recycling and re use of resources should have our priority above new consumer goods. Maybe I am old fashion, but I know we need to re-think our future.

When you were elected I also heard you mentioned the word: "CHANGE", time and time again. I am disappointed that you are not now mentioning this more often, so people can really start to think again. So please, mention it more often, and if can even louder, as i will repeat, it takes time to register.

If you have the time, please feel free to visit our website: [www.humanos.org.uk](http://www.humanos.org.uk).  
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By the way, your book has inspired me even more to face the new challenges which lie ahead.

Truly yours

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