

Oslo, 7 November 2012

Dear Mr President,

Please accept my warmest congratulations on your re-election as President of the United States of America.

Norway and the United States have a long-standing friendship based on our common values of liberty, democracy and the rule of law. I firmly believe that the strengthening of these values, and our friendship, remains as important as ever.

At the core of our relationship is our mutual commitment to safeguarding each other's security, within the framework of NATO. It is important that Norway and the United States continue to work together with other allies to promote peace and stability. Our two countries are partners in efforts to promote security and development both in the High North and the Global South. We remain committed to these joint efforts in areas where US and Norwegian interests coincide. I also look forward to working with you to further enhance the economic ties between our two countries.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on these and other mutual challenges. I am confident that we will further develop our long-standing partnership during your second term.

Yours sincerely

The President The White House Washington, DC 20500