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President Barack Obama
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear Mr. President:

Media outlets are reporting that a Malaysian Airlines civilian aircraft was shot down, potentially by a Russian missile system, while flying at roughly 35 thousand feet over Ukraine. These reports claim that, tragically, all 295 passengers lost their lives, including 23 Americans.

While we should not jump to conclusions, I urge you to authorize an international investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on the downing of this plane. American lives have been lost, and the United States has an obligation to ensure whoever is responsible for this cowardly act is held accountable. An FBI investigation, as part of an international investigation, will be the most effective and credible way to learn the truth.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. James Sensenbrenner".

F. James Sensenbrenner
Member of Congress