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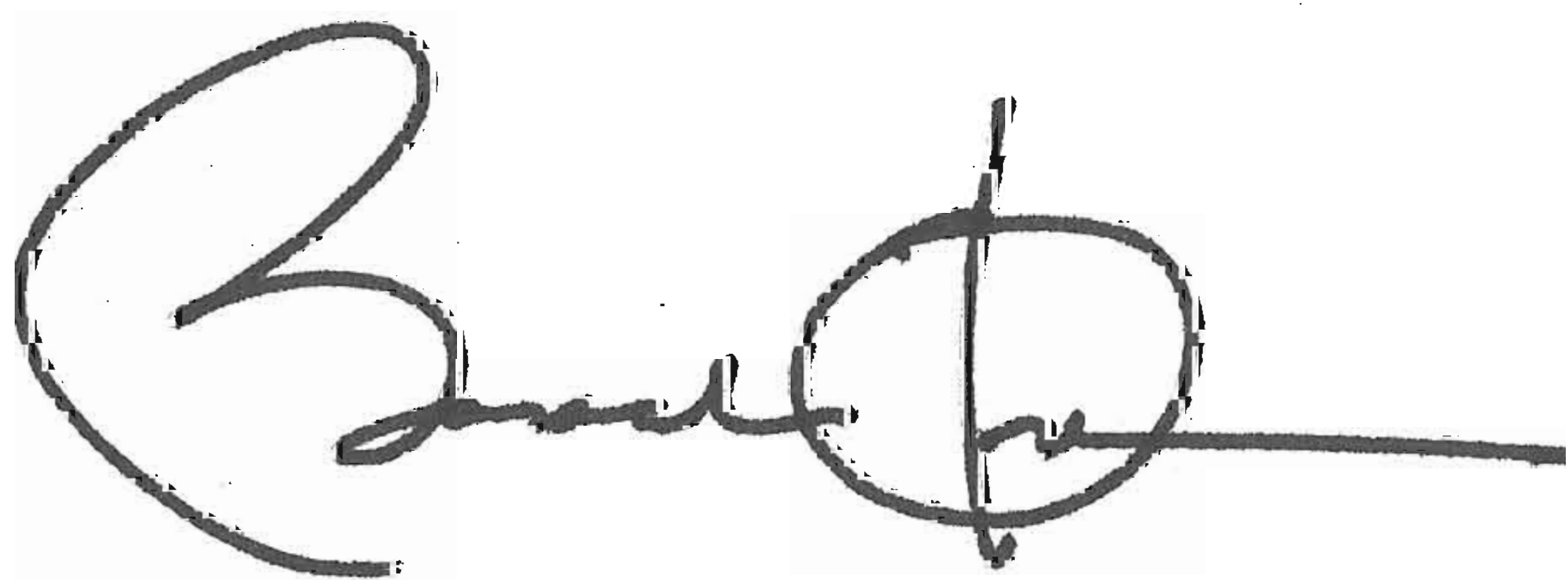
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I send greetings to all those attending the Ensemble Español's 35th Anniversary Flamenco Passion Gala Concerts of the American Spanish Dance & Music Festival.

The power of the arts to move and inspire us transcends languages, cultures, and borders. The arts help us reflect upon who we are, where we have come from, and what lies ahead. In our increasingly interconnected world, they play an important role in shaping the character that defines us and reminding us all of our shared humanity.

Organizations like the Ensemble Español have the power to build bridges and enrich lives, bringing communities together through the resonance of the performing arts. They proudly showcase our passion for expression as they create rich and lasting memories for the individuals they touch.

As you celebrate your accomplishments and the contributions of the extraordinary leaders you honor on this occasion, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned at the bottom of the page.