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Dear Mr. President:

In the spirit of a long tradition of open letters to our elected leaders, I am creating a theater project entitled, "Dear George: Letters to the President."

It is no secret that the nation is divided in its opinion of your presidency. However, I feel that viewing this division in a simple, binary manner, does not do justice to you and your office, or to the spirit and intelligence of the American Public. We do not think in soundbites, and our opinions are far more complex than an "approve/disapprove" poll can discern.

Because of this, I am actively soliciting open letters from Americans from all walks of life, and all political and personal viewpoints to read from in a staged performance this October.

It is my aim to have actors read directly from these letters, in whole or in part, with no alterations to their content or intent. I view my role, and that of my collaborators, as curatorial in nature, aspiring to accurately reflect the unique and divergent viewpoints of America.

A letter reveals more about its author than its recipient. We write letters to our leaders not only to comment on current policy, but to express our hopes, fears and dreams for our shared future. It is my great hope that the ultimate work serves as a snapshot of our nation at this point in our history.

We are welcoming Americans' open letters to your office on all subjects, and from all perspectives. I anticipate many letters that deal with our current national situations, I hope to include letters on subjects not on the front pages of our newspapers, as well as letters which express our views as to what it means to be an American.

Letters are being collected throughout the summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day at [www.DearGeorgeLetters.com](http://www.DearGeorgeLetters.com)

The website has a function for those contributing to the project to forward a copy of their letter to you directly as well. Some contributors may choose to remain anonymous, and some may choose to lie, but each letter will be considered without prejudice.

I would, of course, welcome any input or contribution that you may have to this project. I would be honored if you would share an open letter to America in return.

Sincerely,

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