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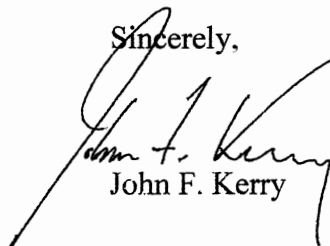
Dear Dr. Gebeily:

Thank you for your invitation to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Cedar Revolution. I commend you for organizing this important event and highlighting the continued spirit of the Cedar Revolution for Americans. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, but Assistant Secretary Anne Patterson and other Department officials will join you to mark the occasion and send a message of the Obama Administration's support for the kind of Lebanon envisioned by the late Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

As I said earlier this year in my statement on the tenth anniversary of Prime Minister Hariri's tragic assassination, we remain deeply committed to supporting the Lebanese people as they work to fulfill their country's potential in line with the late Prime Minister's vision for a sovereign, secure, and prosperous Lebanon. The Cedar Revolution was a major milestone in that process. While the journey is not complete, the United States and other friends of Lebanon will continue to travel with you and support you on this path to a democratic, brighter future.

Please accept my best wishes to the Lebanese-American community and the many friends of Lebanon in Washington as they gather to commemorate the late Prime Minister's continuing legacy and to stand in solidarity with Lebanon and its people, particularly at this time of great challenge.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry