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The Honorable President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Obama:

Like most Americans, we're distraught and concerned about the economy. It's very tough. You've probably heard this from many of your constituents already, but we wonder if you're aware of what the economy is doing to us?

We're working artists, we've seen our incomes and employment drop precipitously in the last year. We do all kinds of jobs to make ends meet, from selling our art work to providing our creative talents to textile and video and film industries. The downturn is affecting us on multiple fronts and we're spending many sleepless nights worried about our future.

The actions you take to stimulate the economy will have a great impact not just in the immediate turn, but for generations to come. How will we be able to sustain economic growth, improve the environment, and create opportunity for all? Your decisions on fostering new industries, infrastructure, transportation, and equitable taxation will help answer these questions.

Regulation is key; as is progressive taxation. The markets have been so deregulated that they swing like yo-yos. From time to time, we send our elected officials something that reflects what is happening from a contemporary art perspective. The solution to our problems requires creative answers from many fronts.

Enclosed is a new editioned piece we've just made, it's part of our Pure Products of America series. The Dough-Yo, is a simple object that symbolizes the oscillations of the market; the precipitous declines and swings of the dollar. With practice, most people are able to learn to manipulate it to iron out the vast peaks and valleys. Exactly what the country needs to perpetuate real growth.

Sincerely,


Nora Ligotano & Marshall Reese

PS We've included 2 for the girls