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of the Sisters and Brothers of the Third Order Regular  
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President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

In the name of the National Board and the membership of the Franciscan Federation of the Third Order Regular of the Brothers and Sisters in the United States, I want to congratulate you and Vice President Kamala Harris on your election and inauguration. During this time of turmoil in our country, we promise to work with you to help unite and heal our nation.

For over 800 years, Franciscan women and men have been working for peace among many diverse groups of people throughout the world. Many of our ministries have been to the poor, alienated, disenfranchised, and immigrants and we strive to support your efforts to assist all people as they continue to struggle. Hopefully we can all work together to rebuild our country. Your message of working together for all the people of our country, “those who voted for you and those who did not,” was a very strong message and we strive to offer our support.

The record turnout of voters shows interest in what happens in our country. We Franciscans want to work with you to protect the sacredness of human life. Also care for creation has always been a Franciscan value and we all need to get involved in protecting our planet.

We realize that this will be a slow process and we pledge our prayers for you and Vice President Harris as you begin your Presidency. May God bless you and the United States of America.

Peace and All Good,  
*Fr. Frank Scornaienchi, T.O.R.*  
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