

Inauguration Day

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Dear Friend,

Today, along with millions of Americans who gathered on the National Mall, I had the incredible honor of witnessing the swearing-in of President Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Many of my constituents from the 2nd District joined me in Washington for this historic event, and many more of you shared the experience as you watched from home. Wherever we were, this was a moment none of us will soon forget.

I posted my behind the scenes photos from the inauguration on my website, which you can view by clicking [here](#). This is an extraordinary day, and I am deeply optimistic about what the White House and Congress will achieve together in the coming days, months and years. As President Obama declared earlier today:

“What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility - a recognition on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.”

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress