

BARACK AND MICHELLE OBAMA

July 30, 2021

Mrs. Tara Hall Bowie, Maryland

Dear Tara:

We wanted to extend our heartfelt condolences to you as you reflect on Biz Markie's life.

We didn't know Biz Markie as long or as well as you and your loved ones did. But like others who admired him, he holds a special place in our hearts as one of rap's most innovative stylists and as a great man.

Biz Markie brightened every room he was in, and we will always appreciate him for his early support in 2008, bringing people together to "Party with a Purpose" and get out the vote. His legacy in hip hop will span generations just as it has for nearly four decades.

We hope you take comfort in all the fond memories you have with him. Please know that we are holding you, Averi, and your entire family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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