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I send greetings to all those celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

Our Nation has always been a land of opportunity and optimism. As Americans, we take responsibility for ourselves and for each other; for the ideals we embrace and for the future we share. We celebrate selflessness and value those across our country who step forward and make unprecedented contributions to the well-being of humanity.

Established by President John F. Kennedy, the CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, thanks to the generous contributions of both civilian and military Federal employees. Over the last 50 years, the CFC has raised nearly \$7 billion to help combat disease, protect our planet, feed the hungry, and lift up individuals and communities at home and around the world. The outpouring of kindness from our Nation's public servants reflects the American spirit of compassion, and reminds each of us of the profound impact we can have when we join together in common cause.

As you mark this important milestone and look forward to another 50 years of workplace giving, I wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned centrally on the page.