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Dear Uniformed Service Members and Department of Defense Civilian Employees:

I am so proud of all of you and your families who devote your lives to safeguarding our Nation and our allies around the world. I know this is not always an easy path, and in gratitude for all you do, I donate to charities that support military families through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) every year.

What cause is important to you? Maybe you choose to support medical research because a loved one is struggling with a life-altering medical condition. Or perhaps you volunteer your time helping to build a home for someone whose home was destroyed in a natural disaster.

For the past 59 years, the CFC has given Federal personnel an easy, secure way to give back to the causes that mean the most to each of us. During this time of hardship so many people are hurting, and hardworking and dedicated Federal personnel, just like you, can respond in a big way. Last year Federal personnel generously contributed nearly \$8 billion in much needed assistance to thousands of charitable organizations. The power of this campaign is that when we each do our part, our collective contributions add up to so much.

There is so much work to do: there are many in need at home, around the world, and even in our own local military communities. This year, I urge you to consider joining me in participating in the time-honored tradition of the CFC. When you receive your information about the campaign, think of a cause that means a lot to you and consider making a pledge.

Thank you for all you do and for your support of the 2020 CFC.

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