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I send greetings to all those observing Drug-Free Work Week 2006.

Alcohol and drug addiction threatens the safety of our workplaces and ruins the lives of countless Americans. Substance abuse also adds to increased accidents, absences, sickness, and low employee morale and prevents individuals from reaching their full potential. Drug-Free Work Week is an opportunity to educate employers and workers about the value of a healthy, drug-free workplace and to encourage individuals with alcohol and drug problems to seek help. This week is also an opportunity to recognize the damaging effects of substance abuse and renew support for citizens battling to overcome addiction.

My Administration continues to stand with individuals who combat the dangers of drugs and alcohol. We have worked to increase opportunities for communities and faith-based organizations to aid those suffering from addiction, so that more people can realize the American dream. I appreciate all those who dedicate their time and energy to fighting substance abuse in the workplace. Together we can build a more compassionate society that transforms lives and provides health, hope, and healing for those in need.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barack" followed by a long horizontal stroke.