



**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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I send greetings to those attending the 21st Annual National Conference of the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association.

America is home to the most dedicated, innovative, and decent workers in the world. Since 1985, the VPPPA has worked to advance comprehensive safety and health management systems and prevent worker injury and illness. This conference provides a forum for workers, employers, and occupational health and safety professionals to share tools and strategies to ensure the health and well-being of our citizens.

I appreciate VPPPA members and all those who promote health, safety, and environmental excellence. Your hard work and dedication keep our workers safe and strengthen our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a successful conference.

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