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I send greetings to all those observing Limb Loss Awareness Month.

Across our country, nearly two million Americans are living with limb loss. They are our family members, friends, and neighbors who make immeasurable contributions to the vitality of our communities, and they are our brave wounded warriors who gave of themselves in defense of the freedoms we hold dear. We are inspired each day by their strength and resilience as they continue to pursue their dreams.

As a Nation, we must remain committed to ensuring those living with limb loss have the support they need to reach their greatest potential. We must also provide those at risk with information that can help prevent this condition. Greater public knowledge of the causes and warning signs is essential to decreasing the rates of preventable limb loss, and by working with the limb loss community, we can help reduce new cases.

As we mark Limb Loss Awareness Month, let us recommit to improving the lives of impacted individuals and families, and to creating a Nation where all our people can pursue the American dream free from physical and social barriers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.