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I send greetings to those gathered for the First Annual Convention of the United States Indian American Chamber of Commerce.

Our economy is the most productive and promising in the world because of the hard work and innovation of the American people. In its first year, the USIACC has helped Indian-American leaders develop and grow their businesses through networking, advocacy, and promoting international trade between the United States and India. Across our Nation, Indian-American entrepreneurs are starting their own businesses and creating jobs and opportunities for our citizens. These entrepreneurs strengthen our economy and enhance our communities.

My Administration is committed to keeping America the best place in the world to do business. We are working to make tax relief permanent, expand free and fair trade, protect business owners from frivolous lawsuits, and lower health care costs for small businesses and working families.

I commend USIACC members for encouraging economic development and advancing opportunities for entrepreneurs. I also appreciate your efforts to assist the victims of last year's tsunami in the Indian Ocean region and the hurricanes that recently devastated our Nation's Gulf Coast. Your good works inspire others and reflect the spirit of America.

Laura and I send our best wishes on this special occasion.