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I send greetings to those gathered for 40th anniversary of Victory Outreach International.

The great strength of our Nation is found in the caring and compassion of our citizens. By dedicating your time and energy to fighting substance abuse, you are changing America for the better, one heart and one soul at a time. Your good work is helping to make our country a more hopeful place.

My Administration has increased opportunities for communities and faith-based organizations to aid those suffering from addiction. We continue to stand with families and all those who combat the dangers of drugs and alcohol. I appreciate your work to prevent substance abuse and help individuals striving to overcome addiction. Together, we can build a more compassionate society that transforms lives and provides health, hope, and healing to those in need.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

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