Dear Colleagues:

In 1961, when President Kennedy established the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for federal employees, he may not have envisioned that 60 years later the federal community would have raised an incredible $8.5 billion for those in need in our local communities, in our nation, and around the world. What was first piloted in six cities with fewer than 50 charities, has now grown to include federal employees and retirees across the globe who have the opportunity to support over 5,000 charities. We’ve come a long way!

In honor of this historic milestone, I invite all U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) employees to join me today and visit the DOC CFC Web site at Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) (census.gov) to view the Department of Commerce’s honorary charity video highlighting the over 60 charities that have served causes and people in need for over 60 years. You can also enjoy photos of your colleagues from the 60’s—submitted in response to the “Do 60. Give 60” challenge in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the CFC.

Additionally, today—Tuesday, November 30, 2021—is Giving Tuesday! Giving Tuesday is a global day of charity celebrated on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It is another important event that has been used to highlight recent Combined Federal Campaigns. Historically, federal employees have turned this day into the biggest giving day of the CFC, and we hope to see the same in 2021!

Along with the federal community, please consider joining me and pledging today at GiveCFC.org. Let’s make this Giving Tuesday the biggest giving day of the campaign. Already donated? Consider increasing your recurring gift, adding a one-time gift, or supplementing your pledge with volunteer hours to join in the Giving Tuesday effort.

There are so many charities to choose from and you can find them all, plus more information at GiveCFC.org. Giving through the CFC helps each of us leave a lasting impact in our world.

Together, we can be the Face of Change.

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