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I send greetings to all those observing World Plumbing Day.

No matter who we are or where we come from—whether it's from the world's highest peaks or its lowest valleys—we all have responsibilities to one another and to the one planet we share. When hundreds of millions of people from around the globe are denied access to clean water or proper sanitation, their suffering not only tears away at our common humanity, but also at the brighter future we hope to secure for our children and grandchildren.

By developing creative and innovative methods to access safe, clean, and reliable water sources and environments, plumbers and other trained professionals are helping shape a healthier, more sustainable reality—one where a person's circumstances do not limit their ability to make of their life what they will. This World Plumbing Day, let us recommit to building a world where people from all walks of life are afforded the basic rights they deserve as human beings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Barack Obama", is centered at the bottom of the page.