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I send my warmest greetings to the more than 10,000 Girl Scouts gathered for the Girl Scouts Change the World event. This celebration is an inspirational reminder of how you and your friends can make the world a better place and encourage others to do the same.

As we approach International Day of the Girl, it is important to recognize how Girl Scouts of the USA inspires young girls across our Nation and around the globe, building their leadership and civic engagement. Our world is at an inflection point. We are battling a once-in-a-generation pandemic, a caregiving crisis, a climate crisis, and growing inequalities that impact all of us—and each uniquely impacts girls and women. The Girl Scouts have helped prepare some of the greatest leaders in America—astronauts, journalists, activists, soldiers, athletes, entertainers, captains of industry, and politicians among them. Now more than ever, we need leaders and problem-solvers like Girl Scouts—go-getters, innovators, and risk-takers—to continue paving the way for a better future.

I am honored to join you in celebrating all of your accomplishments, especially the 2021 class of Gold Award Girl Scouts—3,500 strong! The Gold Award is the mark of a truly remarkable leader. As Gold Award Girl Scouts, you have shown that America's next generation is ready to meet this moment. With your community improvement projects, you have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and brought strength, healing, and hope to our communities. Your commitment to service is a living reminder that, here in America, we take care of one another and leave no one behind.

Congratulations to all of our Gold Award Girl Scouts—our Nation's future is brighter because of you. Girl Scouts really do change the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the main text of the letter.