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Dear Uniformed Service Members and Department of Defense Civilians:

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) celebrates its 55th anniversary this year. Throughout these years, hardworking and generous Federal personnel have contributed more than \$8 billion to thousands of worthy charitable organizations. The campaign serves as a reminder there are people in need at home and around the world while providing us an easy way to help. Each fall we are given the opportunity and privilege to participate in this time-honored tradition.

This year's campaign theme is "Show Some Love." I encourage you to join me and support the charities you are passionate about by giving generously. You can connect with the campaign via social media and virtually contribute to the causes most important to you.

The beauty and power of the CFC is the fact that our collective contributions help so many. Our donations help take care of our veterans, find cures for diseases, rehabilitate wounded warriors, feed the hungry, house those displaced by natural disasters, support our military families, and so much more.

Thank you for all you do to support the 2016 CFC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ash Carter".