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Hello to all of the teams participating in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Robotics Challenge Finals!

Every year, thousands of disasters test our Nation's readiness and resolve. As we prepare for future hazards and conditions that will worsen as our climate changes and our infrastructure ages, staying on the cutting-edge of science and technology will be essential to meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

Advances in robotics technology help our country increase preparedness and engineer innovative responses to disasters, thereby safeguarding our communities and the land we love. Competitions such as the DARPA Robotics Challenge (DRC) harness the ingenuity of America's dreamers and doers and can lead to inventive solutions that will enable more Americans to live safer and more productive lives.

As you gather in Pomona for the DRC Finals, I wish you all the best. Good luck, and may the best robot win!

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