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I send my warmest greetings to everyone across the globe recognizing World Pancreatic Cancer Day and extend my heartfelt congratulations to my dear friend Dr. Elizabeth Jaffee as she is honored at this year's annual Let's Win Pancreatic Cancer benefit.

Dr. Jaffee, when Jill and I launched the Cancer Moonshot in 2016 to accelerate efforts to prevent, diagnose, and treat this deadly disease, we knew that there was nobody more qualified than you to serve as the co-chair of the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Moonshot Blue Ribbon Panel. And when I was elected President and reignited the Cancer Moonshot, Jill and I were honored to welcome you as chair of the President's Cancer Panel. Your expertise in immunology and pancreatic cancer, as well as your longtime leadership of national cancer centers, boards, and committees, has helped move us closer to ending cancer as we know it.

Just as President Kennedy believed we could put man on the moon, I believe we can usher in the same unwillingness to postpone and the same sense of national purpose to end cancer once and for all. The goal of my Cancer Moonshot is to cut cancer death rates by at least 50 percent in the next 25 years, to turn more cancers from death sentences into chronic diseases people can live with, to create a more supportive experience for our patients and families, and to update our fight against this cruel disease. We could not do this without the tireless work of cancer experts like Dr. Jaffee and organizations like Let's Win Pancreatic Cancer, which is working tirelessly to educate patients about treatment options and build a strong community among pancreatic cancer patients and their families.

For so many of us—including many of you gathered in New York City or virtually tonight—this work is personal. Each day, we aim to live a life worthy of the loved ones we've lost and the loved ones we can save. Each day, we find inspiration in their hope and absolute courage.

But it's not just about what's personal: It's about what's possible. America can be defined in that one word—possibilities—and there is nothing we cannot do when we do it together. We have come so far on the road to beating cancer, but we can't let up. We can't afford waiting another minute for better solutions, better treatments, and better cures. Thank you, Dr. Jaffee and Let's Win, for all you are doing for patients and their families who are in the race against time. This is the mission of our lives and the mission of our Nation. Together, we will end cancer as we know it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden".