On June 17th, President Obama announced a new initiative called United We Serve, which calls on citizens to expand the size and impact of volunteer efforts across the country. United We Serve will continue through the summer and will culminate on September 11, the new National Day of Service and Remembrance established by the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009.

This is an extraordinary moment in our nation's history, and we have an opportunity to come together and start solving the problems that we face. President Obama is strongly committed to service and has called on each of us to show the same commitment and start making a difference in our communities today.

I am linking to the Corporation for National and Community Service's website, www.serve.gov , where you can find or post local volunteer opportunities all across the country. I urge you to find service opportunities in your community that reflect issues that you care about, and to join us as we work to better our country one neighborhood at a time.