



THE WHITE HOUSE
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I send greetings to all those participating in Entrepreneurship Week 2007.

Entrepreneurship embodies the fundamental American values of freedom, personal responsibility, and self-reliance. When individuals start their own ventures, they gain independence and confidence, and their faith in the future grows.

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in the United States, and the state of our economy is strong. Lower taxes have left more money in the hands of families, workers, and small business owners, and American entrepreneurs have used that money to expand their businesses, create jobs in their communities, and help our robust economy grow faster than that of any other industrialized nation. My Administration is working with Members of Congress from both parties to maintain our economic leadership by keeping America the best place in the world to invest capital and conduct business. We will continue to advocate permanent tax relief and work to level the playing field for American goods and services in markets around the world, make health care more affordable and more accessible, diversify our energy supply, and strengthen public education for our future leaders.

I appreciate entrepreneurs across our Nation for your commitment to excellence and innovation, and I encourage America's young people to learn from today's entrepreneurs and work hard in pursuit of your own dreams. Together, we can keep our economy moving forward and create a society where personal effort is rewarded and opportunity is within reach of all our citizens.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God bless our great country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.