

THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to everyone attending the second annual Malaria Business Leadership Conference sponsored by Malaria Foundation International. I applaud Dr. Galinski for her leadership in founding MFI, and I applaud each of you for your participation in the conference.

Defeating malaria is an urgent calling and an achievable goal. Over the decades, malaria has been eliminated in the United States and elsewhere through science and medical advances. The challenge now is to make sure this progress benefits people still at risk, principally in Africa.

Toward that end, President Bush announced the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI) in June 2005. PMI is a five-year, \$1.2 billion program that challenges the private sector to join the U.S. Government in combating malaria in 15 of the hardest-hit countries in Africa.

I commend MFI for your innovative approaches to “Inspiring the World” and for striving, in the words of Dr. Galinski, “to seek novel ways to broaden our reach.” Working together, Americans can help to protect an entire continent.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura Bush". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "With best wishes,".