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I send greetings to all those observing National Electrical Safety Month.

Every day, electricity helps light up our world. While we benefit tremendously from this vital energy source, there are many potential risks that accompany its use, including fires, shocks, and other accidents that lead to the death and injury of thousands each year. It is up to all of us to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our homes, schools, and workplaces from the dangers of electrical hazards.

Preventing accidents starts with educating ourselves about electrical safety and raising awareness about common causes of incidents—like aging wiring systems, as well as fires and shocks from surge protectors and electrical cords. By taking steps such as installing electrical safety devices, having a professional electrician inspect your home's wiring system, ensuring surge suppressors are not overloaded, and using appliances and equipment according to manufacturer instructions, we can all help minimize the tragic and costly dangers of electricity. For more information that can help you stay safe, visit CPSC.gov.

As we mark May as National Electrical Safety Month, I encourage all Americans to learn about electrical safety practices and to take proactive steps to prevent future incidents.

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