



Dear America,

Happy 250th Birthday.

There's something remarkable about standing at this milestone. Together, as Americans we are celebrating a quarter millennium of democracy, determination, and a belief that people, when they work together, can build something worth passing on to future generations. Here in Cobb County, Georgia, we feel that belief every single day.

The Cobb Chamber of Commerce has had a front-row seat to what American enterprise looks like in practice. Our story is one of transformation. In 1951, Lockheed Martin planted its flag in Cobb County, bringing advanced aerospace manufacturing and forever changing the character of our business community. That legacy of innovation set the stage for decades of growth, drawing some of the nation's best-known brands to call Cobb home: The Home Depot, RaceTrac, Papa John's, Chicken Salad Chick, The Weather Channel, Yamaha, Wellstar, and Glock, among them. Then starting in 2013 and opening in April 2017, the Atlanta Braves made a defining move to Cobb County, building Truist Park and The Battery Atlanta — a landmark mixed-use destination that now draws over 9 million visitors each year and signals to the world that Cobb is a place where big ideas become reality.

We've also seen entrepreneurs open their doors in all of Cobb's cities, betting everything on the promise that hard work still matters here. We've witnessed manufacturers expand, startups take root, and family businesses pass the torch to a new generation. Cobb County continues to grow and offer a secure place to do business and raise a family.

America, you have never been a finished product. You are a living agreement — between neighbors, between business owners and their communities, between those who came before and those still arriving. What makes you remarkable isn't perfection. It's the persistence. The willingness to keep showing up and building anyway.

We believe business has a special role to play in that work. When we hire locally, invest in our neighbors, and show up for our communities not just as employers but as citizens, we help renew the trust that a democracy runs on. That's not politics. That's just what good business looks like — and it's always been American.

As you turn 250, we want you to know: the Cobb business community is all in. We are proud to call this corner of Georgia home. We are proud of the people who build things here

— with their hands, their ideas, and their willingness to take a chance on something bigger than themselves.

With gratitude and great pride,

The Cobb Chamber of Commerce

*Cobb County, Georgia*