



A Birthday Letter to America

Dear America,

Two hundred and fifty years ago, a bold idea took root—that people, through hard work, determination and freedom, could build something greater than themselves.

That same spirit lives on today in West Virginia.

Every day, employers across our state take risks, create opportunities and invest in their communities. From family-owned businesses that have served generations to innovative manufacturers, energy producers, health care providers and entrepreneurs shaping the future, they remind us that America's strength has always been built from the ground up.

As we celebrate this milestone, we also look ahead.

The challenges before us are real, but so are the opportunities. West Virginia is helping power our nation's energy future, advancing manufacturing, strengthening infrastructure and preparing the next generation of leaders. None of this happens by accident. It happens because people choose to invest, innovate and believe in what's possible.

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce has spent nearly 90 years working alongside those businesses, advocating for policies that encourage growth, support job creation and strengthen our communities. We believe the best way to honor America's past is to help build an even stronger future.

As our nation begins its next 250 years, we remain committed to the principles that have always moved America forward: opportunity, entrepreneurship, resilience and service.

Happy 250th Birthday, America. Here's to the generations still to come.

From the Mountain State,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Roberts
President
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce