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Happy 250th, America!

On behalf of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff and our more than 825 business and organization members, I am honored to join in the "Birthday Letter to America" as part of the Together for 250 campaign.

Located in the heart of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas, offers wide-open skies, hardworking people and unforgettable sunrises and sunsets, only to be matched with endless opportunities for success and gracious hospitality. As a native Odessan, I would challenge anyone to find a more hospitable community as I truly consider West Texas the BEST part of our Lone Star State.

As people prepare to celebrate 250 years of our nation, we honor those who built this country through courage, sacrifice, and an unwavering belief in freedom. Here in West Texas, that spirit is reflected in those who came before us, with Ector County being established in 1887 and Odessa set to celebrate our Centennial birthday in 2027. From generations of ranching families and entrepreneurs who established our community's legacy, to teachers who have molded generations, to the first responders who protect us, the energy workers who have made the Permian Basin the highest oil-producing region in the world, it is this unmatched work ethic and grit that keeps our community strong.

From the inception of our community back in the late 1800's, Ector County and Odessa have always been a place where people came to build a future. From generations who have called this area home, to people from across the globe that now consider themselves West Texans, our story is one of resilience, innovation, and hope.

America's strength comes from our ability to work together, overcome challenges, and continue striving toward the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice for all. As we mark this historic milestone, we celebrate our shared heritage while looking confidently toward the next 250 years. From the heart of West Texas, thank you to all who have contributed to the American story. May we continue to preserve our freedoms, serve our communities, and leave a stronger nation for future generations.

Sincerely,

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