



Dear America,

Happy Birthday, 250 years is quite an accomplishment, and the next 250 years can be even better.

What a nation; unboundless opportunity, communities that can work, and values that the entire world seeks to imitate!

America has given our family the ability to pursue different directions based on our potential, not on what our circumstances dictate.

Descended from the families who sailed on the Mayflower and a first-generation American, I have lived the American ideal. I can say without fear of contradiction that if I can flourish here, anyone can.

While I'll be long gone by the time this is released in 50 years, I know that Americans alive then will have built an even better nation.

I'm confident that no matter the trials and tribulations we face on our short journey here on earth, being an American lessens the burden and improves the outcome. For one thing is constant: our founding fathers were correct; our rights come from God Almighty, and our sacred honor is to defend our lives, liberty, and our pursuit of happiness.

While perfection is the aspiration, we are not there yet, but as we all work together and keep our eyes on the end goal, we will move in that direction over time.

Good luck, and thank you for all you have done for our family.

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