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Dear Lieutenant Governor Wasinger,

I have prepared a poem for you to commemorate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. May these lines spark a love for our great nation in all who read them. Thank you for the opportunity to share what I love about the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I'm proud to be an American because we fight for what is right,

I'm proud to be an American because we go to the dream in sight.

I'm proud to be an American because our voices freely ring,

I'm proud to be an American because we say what we still bring.

I'm proud to be an American because our hope is never gone,

I'm proud to be an American because it lives in carrying on.

I'm proud to be an American because our strength we always share,

I'm proud to be an American because helping hands show that we care.

I'm proud to be an American because we learn, and we grow,

I'm proud to be an American because through wins and losses, we learned what we now know.

I'm proud to be an American because we stand up tall,

I'm proud to be an American because we rise when we fall.

I'm proud to be an American because the dream still calls,

I'm proud to be an American because we make room for all.

I'm proud to be an American because I can wake up safe and brave,

I'm proud to be an American, so I can give what others gave.

I'm proud to be an American because soldiers fought for unity,

I'm proud to be an American because others died for my liberty.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts about our great country. May we enjoy our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary while we all remember what our country stands for.

Sincerely,

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