

The Honorable David Wasinger
Lieutenant Governor
201 W. Capitol Avenue Room 224
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Lieutenant Governor Wasinger,

The values our country was founded on and the great people that uphold these values are the reasons I am proud to be an American. I believe the greatest threat to our nation is when we forget the very principles this nation was founded on. As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, it is critical that we not only remind ourselves of these values but be intentional about living out the ideas of faith, liberty, and responsibility that our founding fathers defined.

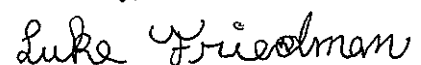
In today's political climate, it can feel isolating when it comes to defending my faith, my country, and my family values. Yet, I am grateful to consistently be encouraged by the millions of Americans who faithfully serve in public office like yourself, healthcare, education, the trades and countless other professions who uphold the character and convictions that sustain our nation.

Throughout my life, I have had the privilege of engaging with many of these individuals. Often, our conversations began because of a visible display of patriotism, often in the form of a shirt or hat. Because of my own love for our country and the flag, I enjoyed getting to know the person wearing the item. What followed were stories of service, sacrifice, and gratitude where each person revealed a unique story, accounts I would never have heard had those individuals not chosen to display their patriotism so visibly. These encounters reminded me that the original American is alive and well, even if it is not always the loudest voice.

When we stop living our values and engaging in these conversations, we threaten the future of this country. I am committed and honored to continue this conversation, in taking action, to represent the need, particularly to the youth of my generation. Whether it is through the club I created called the American Patriots or a company called The Last American Patriot, I want to continue to engage, equip, and empower millions of grateful Americans who are prepared to defend our God-given rights, by giving them the tools to articulate the connection between faith and freedom in our great country.

If we fail to pass down the foundational principles of this nation, understand their significance, and live them out daily, we not only forget where we came from, but we also lose clarity on where we are headed. I am encouraged by your dedication to this same mission. I write today to thank you and encourage you to continue in your role, this year and the years ahead, as we work to ensure that the legacy begun 250 years ago remains strong for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Luke Friedman