

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on realizing what must have begun as an incredible dream some time ago. Of course of late, it may have simply been the successful result of the arduous process of getting elected, but I hope that its roots began as a highly principled desire to do good, to preserve a country's great legacy and lead it boldly into the future.

To do that, may I ask you to base your presidency on one great ideal that would bring clarity to that pursuit? Namely – statesmanship. My dictionary defines it as a senior politician who is widely respected for integrity and impartial concern for the public good.

Our country is at a crossroads. We know its international stature is more readily questioned now than at any time in recent memory. Domestically, the gloomy economic news fills all the headlines. Those things ebb and flow for sure, but there is an underlying crisis of confidence in ourselves and our mission as America that needs to be righted and now is the time.

Would you lead for all 300 million Americans, not just the party and constituents who helped you get elected? You have the position and the granted 4 years that come with it. Would you give us a full 4 years of service to the country? Not 100 days and a protracted positioning to get re-elected. The pattern of the last several decades has been to pander to the “friends” who “get” you the office. But, a statesman puts ideals and principles first, and lets the pundits, whose careers depend on fostering an argument, debate the rest. This country is in desperate need of a selfless statesman leader. Would you be that? Shoot straight with us. Admit when mistakes have been made. Encourage us to higher levels than we see in ourselves. Give us your best in service to this country and we will all be rewarded with a fresh reminder of how blessed we are and how specially purposed our country is on the world stage. Thanks for these few moments of your time.