America is what it is because we built it together. With collective effort and in common purpose, generations have endeavored to enrich their communities and our country, adding their voices to a tradition of civic engagement that has guided us since our Nation’s founding. The America we know today was shaped by the contributions of people of all ages and from a multitude of origins, and we are joined together by a belief in the enduring power of our country’s promise.

As Senior Corps volunteers, you have helped carry forward this legacy and set a powerful example of service—one that can have a tremendous impact on the lives of those around you and inspire others to step forward to serve. In your dedication, we see the spirit of shared purpose—the understanding that we are all bound to one another—that is at the core of our national character.

As you gather from across our country to reflect on the difference you are making, know you have the deep appreciation of a proud and grateful President.