"It is my hope that everyone has a safe and restful 4th of July with their friends, family, and loved ones. As we celebrate our Independence Day and our freedom from 'Taxation Without Representation,' it is important that we remember and honor the men and women who work and fight every day to keep us free from such tyranny. In addition, to the servicemen and women who fight to protect the freedoms that our country enjoys, I also want to commend those who work to protect the most fundamental right to our American experience: the right to vote. It is because of their struggles, sacrifices and refusal to allow discriminatory laws that America remains the home of the free."

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