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Dear People of 2026:

My name is Becky Britton, and I am a Senior at Boca Ciega High School. This year is America's 200th birthday and may it have many more. The past 200 years haven't been too bad once you look back on them. We have lived through two world wars, and a major depression. If we can live through that, we should be able to live through anything.

The future looks pretty bright. We have just elected a new president, Jimmy Carter, and are on pretty good terms with other countries. Maybe someday there will be no more wars and everyone can live together in peace. If a universal language could be set up and countries would share their thoughts, ideas, and inventions the world might be able to live in peace.

Our economy is in pretty bad shape right now, but maybe our new president will help that some. Maybe in the future there will be jobs for everyone, and no one will have to go hungry. Past presidents, such as Roosevelt, have put many people back to work and have gotten the country back on her feet so it can be done again.

Oil prices have really gone up and so have the prices on cars. The price of gas is about 54.9¢ a gallon and it keeps going up. Hopefully someone can invent a cheap car that uses little or no gas.

I hope that no one thinks that I am a compulsive complainer. I really love America and wouldn't want to live anywhere else in the world, it's just

that I hope America keeps getting better and better. I hope that by the time you read this letter all of the things that I have mentioned here are done and many more along with them. We have come along way over the past 200 years and we still have a long way to go for the next 200 years.

Sincerely yours,

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