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Gentlemen:

I am a sixty-one year old retiree, married to the same man for over forty years, a mother and a grandmother. I have written letter after letter to vent my frustration about the political and economic climate of the country. I address them to the President, Senators, Congressmen, and local office holders. BUT, I NEVER MAIL THE LETTERS! Who among these people would read the letters or even see them?

I finally wrote the enclosed "tale". I truly believe we are in serious trouble. I truly believe the majority of middle America shares my concern. What concerns us should concern our elected officials. I fear it doesn't.

Very sincerely,

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A MESSAGE FROM ABOVE

Abraham Lincoln looked down at America from above, saddened and angry at what he saw:

homeless and hungry citizens living on the streets;

corrupt politicians;

people out of work;

schools begging parents to donate toilet paper because of insufficient funds;

early release of criminals from prisons because of overcrowding;

Congress ignoring the folks back home in exchange for "perks" amounting to taxation without representation;

excessive and frivolous government spending paid for and by an inequitable tax system imposed upon the middle-class;

health care so expensive only the rich could afford to be sick; and,

a President more interested in foreign affairs than the well-being of his own nation.

Lincoln was reminded of the factors that caused the French and American Revolutions and the Fall of the Holy Roman Empire. He feared for the future of America.

"My Lord," he thought, "the nation needs a new beginning. Experience be damned! The First Congress and the first President had no experience but made their first priority their devotion to the Nation and to the People."

He wanted desperately to speak once again to the American people. So he prepared a written draft of the words he wanted to say. He let it drop to earth. When I found it, I knew I had to share it with you.

Ten score and fifteen years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great on-going recession, testing whether the middle class of this nation can long endure.

We will soon meet at the polls of this nation. We should vote in dedication of our forefathers who placed The People ahead of themselves that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we must do more than vote, we must vote against incumbents. The gentle, brave men, no longer living, who struggled here, to create this new nation deserve our dedication to preserve their creation. It is not beyond our power to do so.

It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here, to "unfinishing" the damage the current office holders have wreaked. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored forefathers we take increased devotion to their cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we highly resolve these patriotic men shall not have toiled in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a rebirth of honor and that public servants shall from this day forth represent The People, protect The People, and insure that this nation shall not perish from the earth.