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Message on the Birthday of Alexander Graham Bell

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Today we celebrate the revolutionary life and legacy of Alexander Graham Bell, a titan of ingenuity whose groundbreaking invention connected the world and transformed communication forever. On what would have been his 179th birthday, we honor his towering genius, inspiring vision, and unrelenting determination.

Born in Scotland, Alexander Graham Bell moved to America as a young adult seeking opportunity. While working to teach the deaf community how to communicate, he became fascinated with inventing a device that carried the human voice through electricity. In a Nation fueled by bold ideas, Bell found the resources and support to pursue his ambitious vision. In March of 1876, Bell and his assistant, Thomas Watson, succeeded in sending the first audible message over an electric line. With that breakthrough, Bell revolutionized the way the world communicates and helped place America at the forefront of innovation. Following his invention of the telephone, Bell would go on to invent the photophone, the metal detector, the audiometer and make significant contributions in the aeronautical industry, establishing himself as one of America's most prolific inventors.

My administration remains committed to furthering Bell's legacy by strengthening America's leadership in the next generation of communications and emerging technologies. We are expanding and modernizing the infrastructure that powers innovation, accelerates advancements in artificial intelligence, and secures our global technological dominance.

As we pay tribute to the immortal legacy of Alexander Graham Bell, we are reminded that among America's greatest strengths has always been our ability to tame the unknown, break barriers, and achieve the impossible. To this day, his resolve is an enduring testament to the promise of the American Dream, the strength of the American mind, and the power of the American spirit.

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