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Dear Friends,

Today, amid the string of sicknesses and dour economic news, I offer what's needed most: a message of hope.

With the COVID-19 spread, our nation faces an unprecedented challenge. But we've faced unprecedented challenges before, and we've overcome them every time.

During the Great Depression, with the economy in tatters, Americans rallied around society's most vulnerable—and as a people, we came together to rebuild. From the ashes was born the strongest, most prosperous economy in the history of the world.

During World War II, with the future of Western Civilization hanging in the balance, we marshalled the indomitable will of the American people and the vast resources of our country to defeat fascism on both sides of the globe. And almost overnight, we became a world superpower.

After 9/11, the country's confidence and its economy were shaken to the core. But we came back by coming together, answering fear and uncertainty with unity and resolve.

Today, we face an altogether different threat in the form of a global pandemic. But we are uniting once again to meet the challenge in front of us.

In recent weeks, we've seen collective action on a scale that rivals the national mobilization of World War II. Businesses, restaurants, churches, and schools are all working together to contain the spread of COVID-19. Individual Americans are doing their part by practicing social distancing. And elected officials in Washington and across the country are setting partisanship aside to move quickly on policies that will strengthen the public health response to this virus and help shore up the economy.

Adversity has a way of awakening the strength and potential of the American people. Although the immediate future is unclear, one thing is certain: We *will* defeat this pandemic. Our medical researchers are already hard at work developing the pharmaceutical treatments that will save millions, not only here in our country but across the world. And our economy, though bruised and beaten, will in due time come roaring back to life.

Hope. There's every reason to have it. So let's hold fast to hope—and to each other—during these difficult times.

Know that Elaine and I are praying for each of you and will continue to do so in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

