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An Open Letter to Thomas Jefferson

cc: 770,000 CITIZENS IN FLORIDA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The great experiment in self government you provided the people of the United States has never been in more capable hands 244 years later on its birthday. Thank you.

Understand you to be a fan of the enlightenment provided by such devices as Gutenberg's printing press which allowed your Continental Congress to crank out, and distribute, 200 broadsides to the thirteen states within days. Can only imagine what you might have done with The Declaration of Independence and a Twitter handle. The speed and efficiency that twenty-first century technology offers a democracy is inspiring. We will figure it out. And, never again allow the nobility of priests and princes to decide our fates.

Yes, the United States is based on a culture of contention, but suspect no different than the earliest years of our democracy - now looked to by the leadership of an entire wired world! "Do it yourself" desktop patriotism aggregates and allows every American to hyperlink their fates seeking a rising tide of economic, and social, benefits. At the same time, sworn foreign enemies reach into our electronic public squares disguised as equals among us sowing discontent with our achievements and fear of our differences. No American possesses a monopoly on truth, but deception by our external foes could prove lethal to our way of life and an end of freedom

Tom, if you would allow me the informality, technology allows all people to see the facts and listen to all the arguments instantaneously. As humans that walk this inspiring earth true to our collective faith in both God, and science, we live among each other with the tools that you must have only dreamed we would have available in our future to help our structures of governance. Today, was able to "google" that 331,025,528 Americans enjoy life as defined by an ever changing experiment in Democracy. 27 amendments comprise the current Constitution of the United States, with great confidence that whatever we collectively decide will be the Twenty-eighth Amendment will be the best yet. We understand that no woman in the United States shall be told by a man in the United States how she will make decisions about the care of her body. We understand no citizen of sound mind shall be denied access in their right to bear arms. We the people must continue to look to our Constitution. If we do not think for ourselves, and find a common thread in our lives, we will never get to a Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Freedom.

As one of five Americans that now stands before 770,000 fellow American residents in Florida's 6th congressional district, my promise is a pursuit of a more perfect union with the underlying assumption that all Americans are flawed, but we seek an even hand in the governance of our great Union. For the people... not the powerful... with no party affiliation write-in candidacy. Again, Tom - THANK YOU!

/s/

Gerry Nolan