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Dear Friends:

I wish I could be with you all in person at the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service's meeting in Jacksonville to tell you how supportive I am of the commission's goals during these crucial times for our country.

Whether freeing Europe from the tyranny of fascism, exploring the cosmos or caring for our allies abroad, Americans have always responded to the call of service. We will not do so successfully unless our best and brightest are leading our government, military and public service organizations. Youthful energy is needed more now than ever to fight for democracy and spread the message of liberty and equality.

I commend the leadership and vision of this bipartisan commission as you work to strengthen our American democracy and remain optimistic that Americans will continue to answer our nation's call to service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.