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Dear Colleagues,

We all have some shared history. We can all remember where we were when terrorists attacked US soil 15 years ago today. While the attacks happened in the US, to US aircraft and buildings, and most of those lost and injured were American citizens, many nations also suffered victims directly on 9/11/2001. My son Aidan would be born less than a month later. In Southampton, UK, Jenny and I knew parents whose daughter was born on 9/12/2001. That family was English and on that day they changed their new daughter's name to "Liberty".

As our children grow up, Jenny and I talk with them about the devastating effects on families that these attacks had on that day in 2001 and also since then, worldwide.

Today, I am also reminded of the contributions that we together are making, the impact we together are having. Together we represent the latest incarnation of the foundational pillar of the US Land Grant Universities. What we do is part of why the US has leadership in the world today. Instituted on our shared values of freedom, opportunity, and equal treatment, the Land Grant Universities (established themselves in the midst of a vicious civil war) propelled US economic growth and leadership capacity. The US went from just another country to the world's superpower within 50 years.

As I remember the thousands lost on, and the living who had their futures irrevocably changed because of the events of, 9/11/2001, I also remember that just by doing what we do every day to the best of our abilities, we have the opportunity and privilege of honoring these dead and serving our living.

To those who lost loved ones, or who have been otherwise directly affected by the events of 9/11/2001—we remember.

Best wishes to you and your families today.

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