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Samantha Schaedler Letter #

My husband Rich, makes this country GREAT! We have three boys, ages 12, 10 and 8. The boys are on several soccer, baseball and basketball teams. We are constantly running from one activity to another. He does this with great calmness and sincere grace. (I on the other hand, feel constantly rushed) He gives of himself so that his boys will grow up with an appreciation of athletics and an understanding of good sportsmanship and respect for others. He coaches several teams, is the President of our local soccer club and often plans open gym sessions for kids in our community. When our 10 year old did not make the travel baseball team, he told him that he was proud of him, that he has great potential (Luke is a leftie) and shared the story of Michael Jordan not making his basketball team. He then created a baseball team for all of the kids that did not make the travel team. He is the taxi driver for most practices and games and although transportation is the goal, he is forming relationships with our son's and their friends that most dad's will never know. Parents in our community respect him as a dad, coach and community leader. He is constantly giving of his time and energy. He is a great inspiration and a wonderful role model to our boys. I am very proud of him and I know, he is what makes America GREAT!

Thank You!

Samantha Schaedler

Nate Schaedler

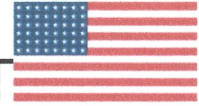
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Samantha Schaedler Letter #2

During his acceptance speech last night, Donald said he will "renew the American Dream." Let me take a second to tell you what the American Dream means to me.

My Muslim father emigrated from Pakistan some 40 years ago in search of a better life. He spent time in the Middle East, Europe, and Canada before landing in the United States. He worked his ass off and was ultimately accepted by a nation that represented a welcoming safe haven for those looking for something better.

My dad built a life here. He met his wife here. He got married here. He bought his first house here. He bought his first car here. He had three kids here. He opened a business here. Three of his siblings followed suit and are all now outstanding citizens and proud residents of the United States.

From literally nothing my dad grew into the consummate American. He is the most honest, hard-working person this country has ever seen. He pays his taxes. He votes. He contributes to society. At 70 years old he still works 72 hours a week and otherwise can't manage to sit still in his limited free time.

If not for him, I wouldn't be here. My life wouldn't be here. My family wouldn't be here. I wouldn't have the job that I have, the house that I have, the girlfriend that I have. I wouldn't have met the countless incredible friends I've cultivated relationships with over the years. I have had an absolutely incredible life as an American citizen and it is 100% attributed to my dad being allowed to immigrate to this great country.

Thinking about people who find themselves in my father's place today, possibly not being afforded the opportunities that my dad and I have had, is devastating. The potential ban on not allowing "a certain type" of person into this country on account of religion is despicable. Evil knows no race or religion. My foreign-born father is the most American person out there. His favorite holiday is Independence Day. Seriously. He lines his driveway with American flags every year.



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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 47

My Aunt Von emigrated from England after the Second World War to marry an American Air force man, she was a War bride, together they settled in North Ridgeville and set up a Greenhouse business, they worked long hours built up the business only to lose the recession. 2009 bought the property back but unfortunately they both passed it was during Obama's 2 terms that they were able to do this. He made America great & Von & Martin Tribbo had tried in their lifetime to do the sam

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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 51

Dear President,

I would like to tell you about a great person that MADE America great while he was alive. He immigrated here with an H1B ~~visa~~ to do his post-doc work at a research laboratory. He worked incredibly hard and became the 2nd most cited Alzheimers researcher in the world. He died at 45 killed by a drunk driver, but 6 months before he died he became an American and nothing made him most proud. You see, he was the son of a miner in England he was born on the wrong side of society and his accent would have never let him become who he became here. His name was Mark A. Smith and was a professor of Pathology. I hope that reading this ~~helps~~ helps you to see the benefits of H1B, ~~the country and the laws that~~

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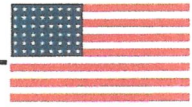
He was a beautiful example of the American dream. Only the greatest achieve

it, whether they start in the US or come here... He was great and made America great... ~~the~~ America is great and every one

^{of} _{post} who comes here is proud to be naturalized ~~the~~ it is very hard to get there so I hope you don't make it harder.



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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 53

Goldie Glanz, a young 12 year old getting off the boat from Lithuania at Ellis Island. Spoke no English, had no money, left everything + everyone but their immediate family and came to a new country that promised a new life if they worked hard. They did work hard and their children worked hard, their grandchildren worked hard, their great grandchildren worked hard + their great great grandchildren worked hard. They are generations of people who have contributed to our country in immeasurable ways. Teachers, business owners, trade, social service... Thank goodness we let her and her family into our country. Not one of her descendants ever committed a crime, or lived off the system. How do we turn our backs on any human being who needs our help?

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Samantha Schaedler Letter #

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was a good person to me

Jack Schaedler He had a

nickname for me

it was Jackie I miss him

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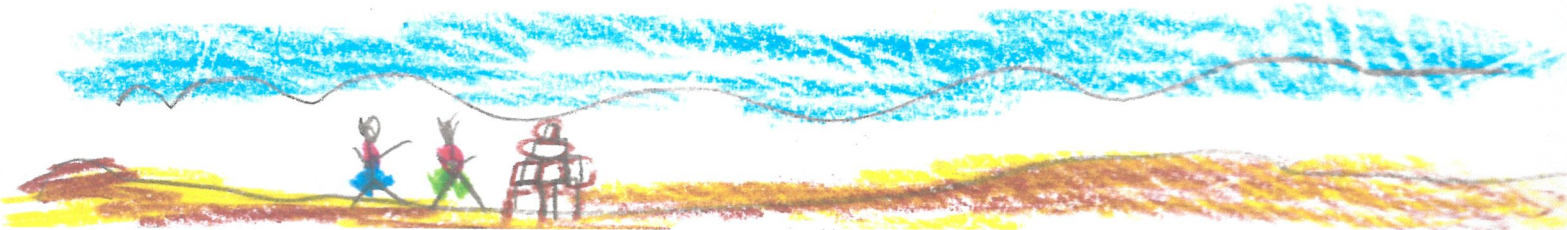
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He made America Great.



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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 55

I think of people of privilege when I hear your name. I know you believe you were "self made" And although I would debate that, it is not important.

People of privilege is not an insult or a label to be ashamed of. It is how you handle (manage) that. I think of Bill & Melinda Gates, as great Americans. Their work

through their foundation epitomizes what is possible and revered by Americans of all privileges. If you could adopt traits of people of their stature you could turn out to be a decent President.

Thank you for listening.

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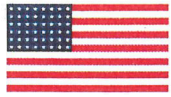
Samantha Schaedler Letter #259

The Bainbridge Fire department makes this country GREAT!!! Nathan, a child in my son Jack's class, sent out 26 birthday invitations for his birthday party. When I called to RSVP, Nathan's mom told me that she cancelled the party because every student had declined the invitation. I told the mom that we would have a birthday party for Nathan!!! I immediately called The Bainbridge Fire Department and asked if we could tour their facility. The boys had a great time and Nathan had a birthday party he will never forget!!!

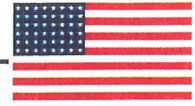


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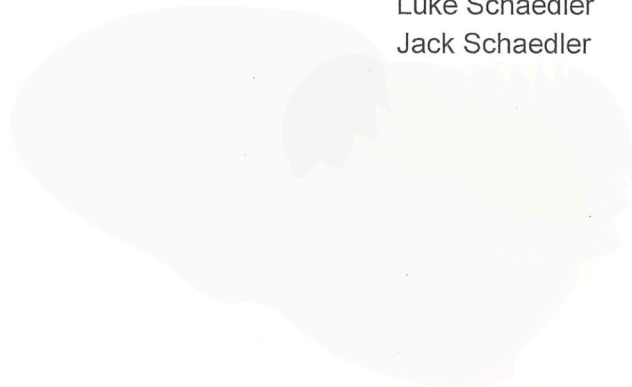
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Samantha S. letter # *272*



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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 301

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Lebron James is a really good person he gives mony to the poor and he gives people egicashings to kids who need mony for colege he is also a

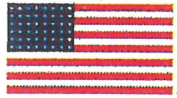
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Samantha Schaedler Letter #

I am ³⁶³ a student at Timmons Elementary in Chocoma Falls, Ohio. I am writing about my ~~ma~~ ^{mom} who is the one who started on this. She is loving caring America. She is also friendly, honest, thoughtful and takes us places like the past Presidents.

Thank You!
 Samantha Schaedler
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October 25, 2017

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I would like to share the story of a great American.

My father came to the United States in 1956 as a sixteen year old Hungarian Freedom Fighter. He had made the life-changing decision to leave his family behind, and escape with only the clothes on his back and not a penny in his pocket. The United States welcomed him with open arms.

Upon his arrival in the U.S. he was placed in an orphanage for young Hungarian refugees. After only a year, he set out on his own, graduated shortly after from a high school in Cleveland, Ohio, and enlisted in the Army where he proudly and honorably served the United States for several years.

From the moment he stepped foot in this country, until he retired few years ago, he worked hard and achieved great success both financially and personally. He worked his way up from cleaning a bakery to supervising a chain of in-store supermarket bakeries to owning his own bakery which employed dozens of people over the years. My brother and I could not have had a better role model; my mother could not have had a better partner in life.

To this day my father continues to talk to my brother and me about the great opportunities there are in the U.S. He often begins with, "Only in America..." His appreciation of and loyalty towards our country comes directly from his immigrant story. My father, Julius (Gyula) Batu, is truly a great American.

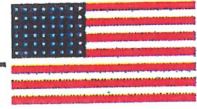
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Samantha Schaedler Letter #344

Hi! My name is Ryan Flynn and I am a student at Timmons Elementary in Chagnin Falls OHIO I am writing about my Nanny. I am to be because she always checked in on my family. She came to me my brothers births and she especially my brother Carter birth because my mom was sick when he was born and my dad had to take over and he is not good so nanny had to help. Nanny always comes to me and my brothers birthdays. Nanny died at age 67 she died from CJD and only 5 people get it a year and there is no cure for it. I write to her in a Journal

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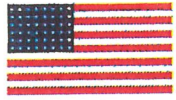
Samantha Schaedler Letter # 277

Faces of an epidemic. The true heroes that make America great are the families devastated by the Opioid Crisis

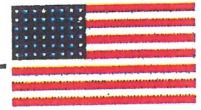
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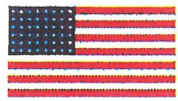
I am writing about my papa. He was in the military and got in these word. When he was in the military he helped feed the people who had

know money and know food. he was in Boo Camp and helped people to be more kind.

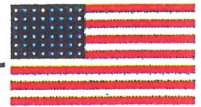
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Samantha Schaedler Letter #

311 Hi My name is Molly at Timmons elementary in Chagrin Falls, Ohio I am writing about my horse riding instructor Sue. She guides me to do better I believe in her. She knows what I can do so she lets me go up to my full power when I try hard and I fail she helps me get better. She is a good person she volunteered for the red cross if I fall off she lets me take a break. She is the best instructor I could ever have. When I grow up I want to be like her.

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Samantha Schaedler Letter # 419.

Mary Antes has volunteered her entire life. She is an ardent student of government and policies. She was a teacher for many years and wrote curriculum. At 82 years old she is currently serving her fourth term as selectman of her town in Massachusetts. She never misses a meeting, training or memo. She is a voracious reader and will passionately argue anyone about the importance of educating our children and saving the environment.

Mary is a wonderful example of never being too old to make a difference! She is what makes America great!

Thank You!

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