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Washington’s Farewell Address underscored for me the value for America and for our Union which we still have and celebrate today.

Washington was also very aware of the great dangers of excessive partisanship. I think today he would warn us that excessive partisanship is weakening our Nation’s government, and would ask our Nation’s leaders to embark on a new era of civility.

In the same way, Washington would be concerned about the consolidation of powers and the separation of powers issues which we are currently debating. I agree with Washington that the best government for the
people of these United States is a
government of checks and balances
where we respect the powers assigned
to each of the three branches
of the federal government, and to
the states, so that our Nation can
day endure.

We must as Washington
said be ever vigilant and
jealously guard our form
of government for the people
it is designed to serve - all
Americans regardless of income,
gender, race or geography. I
too am very proud to be an
American.

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