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Dear Kevin,

This is my favorite time of year for several reasons. It's the time when my husband and I host our children and their families as we celebrate together the birth of our Savior. We create new memories, and engage in old traditions all with millions of people all around the world.

One of our favorite traditions is the reading of the Christmas story in Luke, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Little did Mary and Joseph know how their faith would bring forth the Seed that would forever impact people and nations, in every corner of the world.

Anti-faith organizations would like to ban the words "Merry Christmas" from the public square. Thankfully, we have a President who continues to advocate for our First Amendment Rights, and who recently took time with his family to [wish Americans a very Merry Christmas at the National Tree lighting service](#). Also, Speaker Paul Ryan [shared thoughts about the Reason for the Season at the Capitol Tree Lighting](#).

We are committed to helping keep faith in America. Citizens don't have to subscribe to a faith tradition to live here, a foundational concept that needs to be protected is the honoring of our nation's history and religious heritage and deeply held beliefs of our fellow Americans.

From our CPCF family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Keeping Faith in America,

Lea Carawan
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