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To My Beloved ILA Members:

On behalf of my fellow officers, I want to wish you and your family a Happy and Safe Fourth of July.

The pride and admiration I have for my fellow ILA members, who continue to work through the enormous challenges our Country faces, grows immeasurably each day. You truly are America's heroes and as we collectively salute the Freedom and Independence of our nation this July Fourth, we tip our hat to ILA members who help make it great.

Yet, unless all Americans are treated equally; until all its Citizens are guaranteed the same rights and privileges, our "Independence Day" will not be true. The COVID-19 pandemic has made our country sick; but we are also challenged this year to political and racial unrest that has exposed an illness and soul sickness our nation has been suffering for a long time. The ILA champions Black Lives Matter because we must acknowledge that, through decades of hateful words; shameful deeds and lack of commitment to all its citizens, we could have done better.

ILA means I Love America and our family takes in ALL. We respect our Sisters and Brothers and we champion Freedom and Equality.

May God Bless our nation and help bring Peace, Equality, Justice and love to all.

Respectfully,

  
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