

**DIVISION  
CYNICISM  
LIMITS  
ISOLATION  
APATHY  
EXCLUSION  
PARTISANSHIP  
BLAME  
STATUS QUO  
VITRIOL  
COWARDICE  
NOSTALGIA  
FEAR  
INDIFFERENCE  
BYSTANDER**

**UNITY  
OPTIMISM  
OPPORTUNITY  
COMMUNITY  
PASSION  
INCLUSION  
LEADERSHIP  
RESPONSIBILITY  
DARING  
RESPECT  
COURAGE  
VISION  
LOVE  
COMPASSION  
UPSTANDER**

Every day,  
we have a choice.

When you read the headlines. Or turn on the news.  
When you scroll through your social media feed.  
Or listen to the candidates. You could easily mistake  
America as a nation, lost. A people who have  
severed the common bonds that hold us together—  
compassion, respect, shared responsibility, a belief  
in service, a willingness to unite despite our differences.

Today, for just a moment, we wanted to pause  
and reflect. To go beyond the hatred and vitriol,  
and see a different story of America.

It's a story that is not bound by party affiliations,  
or religious beliefs. It's not dependent on living in one  
zip code over another. It's not left-leaning or right-  
leaning. It's not about your income or your wealth.

It lives in our small towns, and also in our cities.  
In the classroom of a teacher who is fighting for the  
potential in every student. You see it in the volunteer  
who mentors youth, and in those helping America's  
veterans successfully transition to civilian life. And  
in those who work to include, rather than discriminate.  
You see it in the leader who invests in her community.  
And in the nurse who treats the elderly with dignity.  
This is the story we believe in.

This is not about the choice we make every four years.  
This is about the choices we make every single day.

