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Dear Graduate,

On behalf of the people of Maine, I congratulate you on earning your diploma! I am pleased to honor your hard work, your achievements, and the commitment of your families, teachers, and friends.

I know this was not the senior year you dreamed of throughout your high school career. Because of a pandemic, you missed out on many of the traditional senior year events and opportunities to make lasting memories with your classmates. But the Class of 2020 will always remember this experience, a bond that will be shared with graduates around the globe. The skills, friendships, and memories of the last four years will give you courage and confidence as you further your education, embark on a new career, travel, seek new experiences, and raise a family. For graduation is one of those moments, as Graham Greene put it, when “The door opens and lets the future in.”

Today you have opened up your future, and whatever path you take, you will always have the ability to challenge, to think and be informed, to question your own views as well as those of others, to dream, and to change the world around you. My own life has been anything but a straight line. I have taken some interesting turns and risks and encountered unplanned detours and distractions. But those curves and detours made my life all the richer. Each new direction brought anxiety and self-doubt, the inevitable companions of change, but each experience has contributed to who I am and has made me a better person.

My warmest hopes and dreams go out to you as you open new doors for yourself. I hope that your future includes our state and that you share my passion for this place and all of its people. You will always be a son or daughter of Maine, but if you leave, I will wish you well. And when you come back, I will be here to say, “Welcome Home.”

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life. I wish you health, happiness, and success in your future.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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