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On behalf of the people of the United States, our best wishes to the people of Kiribati as they celebrate 38 years of independence on July 12. Since World War II, the United States has been committed to preserving the friendship between our nations. Kiribati's stable democracy, dedication to expanding free education, and people-centered approach to domestic development make it an example to the region and the world.

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