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Cohoes, New York, 1927.

DANIEL J. COSGRO  
Mayor



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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
City of Cohoes  
New York

April 13, 1927.

Rev. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver,  
The Temple,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Reverend Dear Sir:-

The enclosed clipping will partly explain itself. The tribute to "America" greatly pleased the people here and we thought it would be fine if we could put it in the form of a bronze tablet at the entrance to our City Hall. We were advised at first that Dr. Wise, of New York City, could tell us of the author, and he has kindly given us your address.

We shall be very appreciative if you will give us your consent for the use of this tribute on a bronze tablet here at Cohoes. If so, may we ask if you will kindly put the brief tribute in what you would prefer to be its exact wording and final form? The printer evidently made several mistakes in setting up the type, for instance the original copy that we had read, "that out of the labor of men and the bounty of the earth, out of the prayers of women and the hopes of the world God fashioned a nation in love and blessed it with a purpose sublime and called it America." Our idea is to have these splendid words set up in a tablet of bronze, about the size of that used for Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and we intend to set it up at the entrance to our City Hall, as an inspiration to citizens and visitors.

Very truly yours,

*Daniel J. Cosgro*  
Mayor.

Enclosure - clipping.

April 15, 1927.

Mayor Daniel J. Cosgro,  
City of Cohoes,  
New York.

My dear Mayor Cosgro:

Permit me to thank you for  
your kind letter of April 13th.

I am very pleased to learn  
that you plan to put my "America" on a  
bronze tablet at the entrance to your  
City Hall. You, of course, have my  
permission to do it. If in the future  
it will help someone to a higher appre-  
ciation of the glory and the promise of  
America, I shall feel amply repaid.

I am enclosing, herewith,  
a correct copy of the prose poem.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

AHS:NEB