



*"... a bill of rights  
is what the people  
are entitled to  
against every  
government  
on earth..."*

THOMAS JEFFERSON

There was one glaring omission in our Constitution and Thomas Jefferson didn't waste any time in picking up on it.

His feelings about the necessity of incorporating a bill of rights were perhaps best expressed when he said in a letter to James Madison "I have a right to nothing, which another has a right to take away..."

Clearly he was still smarting from the injustices suffered under the Crown.

Jefferson wasn't alone. Many Americans were very vocal about the need to adopt a bill of rights. And so began a long and involved amendment process.

Two hundred years later we celebrate the results of all the committee meetings, all the debates, and all the voting.

We celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights — the written guarantee of our personal freedoms. It's a guarantee that has already lasted many lifetimes, and if we keep our guard up it will last many more.



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