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[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]
[Email Address]
[Date]
[Recipient's Name]
[Recipient's Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]
Dear [Recipient's Name],
I hope this letter finds you well. As my birthday approaches on [Date], I
wanted to share that your presence and friendship mean the world to me.
In lieu of gifts, if you wish to contribute to my special day, I would
appreciate any monetary gift you may consider. This will help me [briefly
explain how you plan to use the funds, e.g., save for a trip, donate to a
cause, etc.].
Thank you for your understanding and generosity. I look forward to
celebrating together!
Warm regards,
[Your Name]
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