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Dear Pat - finally, we moved back in last spring!

We are delighted to tell you that we celebrated the new year back in our own house. It was a long two-year process, but we are glad we made the difficult decision to rebuild after the fire that destroyed our home. Our gratitude to family and friends for their encouragement and support, as well as to the many people who lent their skills to the construction process.

Considering our previous lifestyle as academic nomads, it is hard to believe that we have now lived in Boulder for twenty-five years. Most fortunately, our children reside nearby.

While our new house meets many of our needs and expectations, we cannot say the same for the outcome of the presidential election. We are especially concerned about the shape and direction of the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal judiciary.

As always, we love to travel to far off places and have managed to do a good deal of that in the past six months. We look forward to new adventures in the year ahead.

We send you our warmest wishes and hope this new year will find ways for us to come together with many friends, both old and new.

Fondly,

Cecille and Phillip Sirotkin