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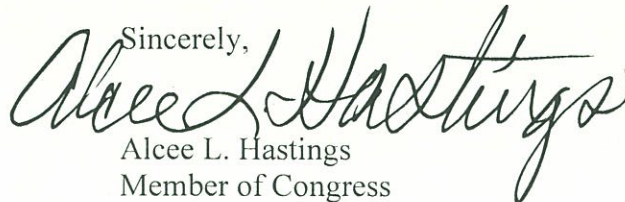
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Mr. Rick DellaRatta
Founder
Jazz For Peace
400 W. 43rd Street, Suite 21-L
New York City, NY 10036

Dear Mr. DellaRatta:

I am writing to commend you for the wonderful work you are doing with Jazz for Peace. There is no more important cause than that of world peace. I am pleased to join elected officials from around the country and across the globe in celebrating your many concerts in pursuit of that goal. Your United Nations concert highlighted the importance of cooperation between the peoples of every nation.

I am delighted that you have decided to bring your fine program to Fort Lauderdale. It is a valuable addition to the cultural offerings here in South Florida. Thanks to your great talent, hard work and dedication to the cause of peace, we have the distinction of hosting a truly memorable event. You are an excellent role model for us all, the kind of person to whom everyone can point with respect and admiration. Thank you for all you do to make our world a better place. I'm very proud of you!

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

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