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Jazz for Peace  
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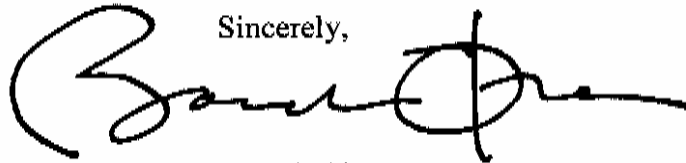
Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jazz for Peace's landmark concert at the United Nations. By bringing Israeli, Palestinian and American Jazz musicians together Rick DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace have used the transcendent quality of music to promote a message of peace and unity. Now, over 500 concerts later, Jazz for Peace continues its mission of challenging humanity to realize that the forces that unite us are far stronger than those that divide us.

Tonight you gather to benefit the Jonathan B. Fields Foundation, a charity dedicated to counseling children in foster care. It is my hope that tonight's event is a success for everyone involved and for all the children who will be touched by the work of the Foundation in the years to come.

I want to congratulate Rick and all of this evening's performers on everything they have accomplished to this point, and all the good they are sure to bring about as they continue this concert series. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,



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