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OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

Ms. Tecora Rogers  
5319 South Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60615

Dear Tecora:

Thank you for bringing your outstanding group to Yaroslavl to participate in the Bridge Across the Ocean Festival last week. The beauty and strength of your music touched everyone there – Russians and Americans alike.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important your work as a cultural envoy to Russia is at this time. Not only are we sharing American musical traditions with new audiences through such programs, we are showcasing the tremendous energy, creativity, and talent of the American people. Thank you to you and your dynamic team for being part of our public diplomacy programming.

We hope to see you and the Chicago Spirituals back in Russia again soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Tefft".

John F. Tefft  
Ambassador