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Mr. John DeAngelis
Grant Administrator
The Jazz For Peace Foundation
400 W43 St
New York, NY 10036-6302

To the Jazz For Peace Benefit Concert Participants;

Thank you for participating this evening in the 800th Jazz For Peace Benefit Concert hosted by Halvorson's Upstreet Café in Burlington, benefiting The Root Center.

As Governor, I am proud to recognize an event that raises awareness for community development through the arts. An internationally renowned organization, Jazz For Peace promotes community living through the tones and vibrations of music. While you listen to Jazz pianist, vocalist and composer Rick DellaRatta tonight, remember that through our many differences living in this state, there is always more that unites us than divides us.

It is wonderful that Burlington can host an opportunity to increase our Farm to Plate initiative through this benefit concert. The Root Center creates community-run organic farms in the state of Vermont that allow organic produce to be donated to our most vulnerable Vermonters. Tonight, you are helping The Root Center grow 25,000 pounds of produce at the National Gardening Association's Vermont Garden Park in 2011.

I am sorry that I could not be with you tonight. As a strong supporter of both organizations, I am proud that you have come together for this cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor

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