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To Whom It May Concern:

Prior to my arrival at Fayetteville State University, the institution had always held a celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event was filled with songs and celebration that paid homage to this great Civil Rights leader.

One of the most anticipated moments of the evening of celebration was and is Mr. Stephon Ferguson's stirring rendition of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. As Mr. Ferguson's eloquent voice resonated throughout the auditorium, one could easily mistake his oratory as a recording of Dr. King's inspiring delivery during the March on Washington. Mr. Ferguson is truly a gifted artist whose talents enrich the lives of others.

Mr. Ferguson has been a frequent participant in our annual Martin Luther King Jr., celebration and in the Cumberland County Ministerial Alliance's annual commemoration of Dr. King's birth that attracts thousands of individuals to our region. It is our hope that Mr. Ferguson continues to be a part of FSU's cultural events and Cumberland County's celebrations that honor one of this nation's greatest historical figures.

Sincerely,

T.J. Bryan
Chancellor