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Ms. Sarah Ramson
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Dear Ms. Ramson,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for you to conduct an educational lecture on the harp on the campus of Bowie State University. This event will be an opportunity for you to introduce our campus and surrounding communities to the history and functionality of the harp, followed by your concert demonstration.

I know that the City of Bowie supports public awareness of artistic enterprises. Not only will this event align with the City of Bowie Arts Grants Program, but it will also engage local residents of all ages in an interactive performing arts experience, which fits perfectly with Bowie State University's commitment to providing a diverse and enriching learning experiences for students and the community.

Bowie State University, Maryland's first HBCU, has a long and storied history of supporting the performing arts and providing arts education. A recital and lecture on the harp will build on that legacy by exploring the rich history and cultural significance of the harp. Providing you this platform, Ms. Ramson, as a renowned product of Prince George's County, will inspire a deeper appreciation for the harp and its versatile contributions to the world of music.

To bolster my commitment to bring this this initiative to Bowie State University, I pledge that you will be able to hold this event, at no charge to you and free to your audience, on the campus of BSU on a date to be agreed upon in or before May 2025. My Division will also facilitate the university amplifying the promotion of this event.

Thank you for considering my letter of support. I am confident that this lecture and harp concert will be a well-received by students, faculty, and citizens across the City of Bowie and Prince George's County.

Sincerely,

Brent Swinton, CFRE
Vice President, Bowie State University Division of Philanthropic Engagement