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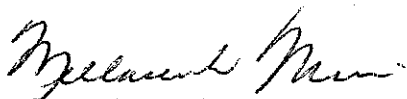
To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Thrive City String Academy

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the Thrive City Music Academy and its founder John Littlejohn. Although Mr. Littlejohn received his graduate degree from Peabody prior to my appointment as dean/deputy director, I have met him and was impressed by his dedication to community service and commitment to making free music instruction accessible to low-income inner-city children. Mr. Littlejohn's goals of enriching the broader community and the lives of others with music reflect ideals that Peabody strives to instill in its students

Thrive City String Academy's first summer music camp at a neighboring institution was reported to be very successful but smaller than planned due to funding limitations. The challenges that face all arts organizations during this recessionary period are particularly daunting for fledging organizations. I believe that Thrive City String Academy's mission is worthy of support by donors and foundations, and that Mr. Littlejohn has the talent and determination to succeed. I encourage you to give his proposals your serious consideration

Sincerely,



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