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June 29, 2010

Mr. Robert Graves
9401 45th Ave SW
Seattle, Washington 98136

Dear Sapphire Trio:

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the members of The Sapphire Trio, Dr. Margaret Baldrige, Dr. Maxine Ramey, and Dr. Jody Graves.

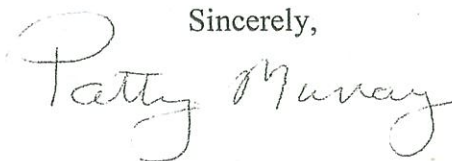
It is inspiring to see people such as yourselves being recognized for your commitment to sharing your music with people all over the world.

Building relationships and tearing down communication barriers are the keys to building trust on an international level. Your group has been instrumental in making this a reality in breaking down the walls; and forming bridges across cultural gaps through musical expression.

I have always believed that each one of us has the ability to make a difference in people's lives. You have shown through your work and your musical talent that the deeds of three outstanding musicians can touch the lives of many. Your dedication and generous spirit are an inspiration to us all.

I commend your efforts to promote artistic exchange through music, and wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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