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Mr. Richard "Dobbs" Hartshorne
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Dear Mr. Hartshorne,

I wanted to take this opportunity in thanking you for the recent concert series that you performed here at Los Angeles County Probation Departments (LACPD) Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH). Your commitment to sharing the art of music with our incarcerated youths is inspiring and was well received.

As a program service coordinator, I can attest to the difficulties of securing positive and influential role models to volunteer their time and talents to a facility such as ours. The need for motivating and inspiring youths to expand their horizons and become more productive members of their communities can be a difficult task. With the support of programs such as yours we believe that that task was made a little bit easier. A majority of our minors are known for their lack of attention and at times disrespectfulness, but during your performances those negative adjectives were absent. Fidgety and disrespectful minors were mesmerized by the sounds of your instrument and helped pacify the negative needs for attention. Even in the recent weeks that have past, as I enter various units, I can still hear the echoes of "love was hard for Billy and Brenda" ricocheting off the walls.

The program is doubly enriching to the youths as you explain your travels and reasoning for such charity. This part of the program helped emphasize to the youths that your passion and dedication to the program was unparalleled. Such devotion was also a motivation for the youths to behave and give their undivided attention. Many minors have commented on how great the program was, in turn inspiring the Behavior Management Program to seek out more musical programs and art based programs for our minors.

Thank you again for the opportunity to host your program. The Los Angeles County Probation Department ends its mission statement with "Effect Positive Probationer Behavioral Change," programs such as yours support that statement. It was honor to have met you and I look forward to future visits and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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