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Ms. Donel R. Mataruga  
**Director - Drum Major**  
Excelsior Drum and Bugle Corps  
23 Sherman Avenue  
Troy, New York 12180

Dear Ms. Mataruga:

It is my pleasure to add my voice to the chorus of people that support your mission of bringing the competition and fun of drum and bugle corps to up to thirty-five Troy kids.

The proliferation of the internet, video game systems, and television are increasingly becoming attractive activities for kids. I believe it is important that we provide alternatives to those things, in order to engage kids in productive activities that they can enjoy while also learning important skills, skills that I believe drum and bugle corps are able to teach.

Drum and bugle corps is not only a form of musical entertainment that allows kids to put their musical talents on display. It is also a great opportunity for kids to develop their competitive ability in a fun, structured environment that requires discipline you can only cultivate by participating in sports and musical competitions.

Teamwork, dedication, and the joys of competition are all things that today's kids need positive outlets to learn. I am happy to give you my full support for Excelsior Drum and Bugle Corps' in promoting your effort.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry J. Tutunjian". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Harry J. Tutunjian  
Mayor, City of Troy