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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Central Kentucky Concert Band (CKCB) and their current grant application. As a music educator, I have experienced firsthand the impact this organization has on both the musical community and the development of emerging professionals.

My relationship with the CKCB began during my time as a student at Transylvania University. During those formative years, I was introduced to the band and immediately struck by their culture of kindness and mentorship. The members kindly opened their rehearsals to me, providing a rare environment to practice my conducting skills. This hands-on experience, supported by their thoughtful and constructive feedback, was so valuable to my growth as a musician and educator.

A highlight of my time with CKCB was the opportunity extended to me to conduct a piece during one of their public performances. Opportunities like this are incredibly rare for students, and it speaks to the band's commitment to supporting the next generation of musical leaders.

The CKCB really brings people together in Central Kentucky, serving as a hub for musicians from all walks of life. The group is made up of all kinds of people who come together because they simply love playing music and sharing that joy with others. Their performances are more than just concerts; they are a reminder to the lifelong joy and connection of making music together.

I can't think of a group more deserving of this grant. Supporting them means supporting the kind of local music community that keeps our arts scenes and education thriving, and I strongly recommend them for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ella Petrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ella" and last name "Petrey" clearly distinguishable.

Ella Petrey
Music Educator