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Dear Patrons and Supporters of the Newark Symphony Orchestra:

As I write this, the NSO is just days away from launching our 59th season of live musical performances in the greater Newark area. And as always, we hope that this varied and ambitious season of concerts (described in detail on our website) will bring as much joy and excitement to our audience as we experience in its preparation and performance.

From making the music to operating the box office to managing the website, much of the day-to-day work of the orchestra is performed by unpaid volunteers. Nonetheless there are significant costs associated with producing and staging these concerts: salaries for our few paid musicians and staff, soloists, hall rental fees, printing and advertising, etc.

Ticket sales cover only about 25% of operating expenses for the NSO. In large part, this reflects our deliberate choice to make these concerts affordable and accessible to as large an audience as possible. For example, admission is free for all students, and one concert per season is offered with free admission for everyone.

Consequently, the largest source of revenue for the NSO – roughly 40-50% of our operating budget – comes from the generous donations of supporters and patrons like you. Your donations are the lifeblood sustaining the artistic excellence of the NSO and enabling our continued musical outreach to the community.

So, on behalf of the NSO Board of Directors, the orchestra's dedicated musicians, and all our volunteers and staff, I urge you to donate generously to our Annual Appeal. Help us maintain the NSO as a vital and vibrant mainstay of our local performing arts scene, through our 59th season and into the future!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

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