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Senator David Vitter
United States Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Vitter:

The Red River Revel Arts Festival is writing to notify you of its recent notification of award of a grant in the amount of \$4,750.00 for the presentation of Trout Fishing in America at the 2007 festival. These much-needed funds are a grant from the Southern Arts Federation in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Louisiana Division of the Arts. These agencies' funds are made possible through federal government subsidies.

A performance by Trout Fishing in America in this type of setting is designed to introduce the students to the creative process of songwriting. During the 60 minute performance, the duo through their presentation will lead the students in a way to stimulate their imaginations, increase their interest in music and the arts, encourage teamwork through peer interaction, improve language skills, and help the student build self-esteem, all of which have a direct correlation to the musical benchmarks within the Louisiana Arts Content Standards. Trout Fishing in America will perform twice each weekday morning of the festival. Over 8,600 students will be given the opportunity to witness and participate in their performances.

In addition to the Morning Arts Education performances, Trout Fishing in America will perform three (3) public concerts and will produce two (2) songwriting workshops during the Red River Revel Arts Festival between September 29 and October 6, 2007. More than 180,000 people attend the Revel each year.

The Revel is made possible through funding attained from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Arts Federation and the Louisiana Division of the Arts among others. We cannot stress enough the positive impact public funding has on our organization and others like it. I invite you to attend the 2007 Revel, especially during a Trout Fishing in America performance.

Sincerely,

C.L. Holloway
Executive Director

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