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Mr. Edward A. Goodrich, Chairman
Nashville Symphony Association
One Symphony Place
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Re: Nashville Symphony's dispute with its lenders

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

The Nashville Symphony has an iconic presence in downtown Nashville. It is a key ingredient in our city's exciting mix of opportunities south of Broadway. Along with our new Music City Center, the expanding Country Music Hall of Fame, and the Bridgestone Arena; the Schermerhorn Symphony Center is right in the middle of Nashville's future. Similarly, the banks that are owed money by the Symphony are an integral part of our community. It is unfortunate that the Symphony and its banks, thus far, have not been able to reach an amicable resolution.

With this letter, I am urging that the Symphony and its banks do everything possible to achieve a settlement without the need for litigation or a bankruptcy filing. It's my view that such an agreement would be best for both the Symphony and the banks, as well as, your collective broader community -- Nashville.

Further, I ask that the appropriate Symphony representative share this letter with the banks that are involved. If you are not presently in talks with the banks about a resolution, I respectfully but strongly urge you to do so. If you have spoken about a possible resolution and reached an impasse, I urge all parties to consider the use of one of our city's fine mediators. Simply stated, I sincerely hope you will employ all efforts to avoid litigation.

In closing, I would like to ask that the Symphony and its banks reflect on all of their respective efforts over many, many years to build Nashville into what it is today. Since the

Symphony and the banks are all important citizens of Nashville, I ask all to rise to the occasion and resolve your disputes amicably.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl F. Dean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karl F. Dean
Mayor