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Working with young people is an important part of Mr. Standing Bear's commitment to community and to sharing his knowledge about Native-American flutes' history and performance practices in the school setting. He is not only a tremendous performer but a patient teacher.

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Mr. Calvin Standing Bear and hope that you will seriously consider supporting his work. Should you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me at the number or email address listed below.

Sincerely,

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