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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express Nashville Public Television's enthusiastic support for the *Have Guitar Will Travel World* docuseries created by the talented producers Mark Allen and Andrea Leigh Engleson. Their unique and engaging series perfectly expresses the PBS mission of serving the public interest through high-quality content that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains. I believe this series also has the power to catalyze greater cross-cultural understanding, appreciation, and respect through the palpable openness, curiosity, and regard that Mark and Andrea model in their interactions.

Have Guitar Will Travel World stands out as a significant production not only because of its unique concept and the skills of its creators but also because of its ability to document the music, oral histories, celebrations, and people that are fundamental to a nation's living cultural heritage. In its episodes, we can see younger generations carrying on the work of their cultural ancestors as well as elders who have created community and opportunity in the service of maintaining significant traditions. Some of these elders have passed away since they were filmed, which also makes *Have Guitar Will Travel World* an important archival and preservation resource.

We are also delighted by the series' engaging and immersive qualities. Mark and Andrea's approach of connecting with local artists through musical conversations provides an authentic and immersive experience for viewers, allowing them to experience and find kinship in the deep-rooted traditions of global cultures. The breathtaking locations further enhance the appeal while grounding the multinational flows of history and culture in specific places, like the Shetland Islands, Ireland, Wales, and Switzerland.

Have Guitar Will Travel World deserves wide recognition and support. We look forward to broadcasting it on our air and are proud to be Mark and Andrea's presenting station, representing them for national distribution through American Public Television (APT), the leading syndicator of programming to public television stations across the country.

We cherish Mark, Andrea, and *Have Guitar Will Travel* and look forward to working with them for years to come.

Sincerely,
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