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To All Concerned:

It is with an extremely appreciative heart that I write you this letter. Your combined performances during the Songs for Troops Concert were absolute perfection. It especially struck a chord with those of us who have children, and will unfortunately miss their concerts due to the deployment.

I realize that, due to technical difficulties on our end, you were unable to see the vast majority of the soldiers who viewed the program. Although over 100 soldiers were involved in the event our one camera could only show you those of us in the Video Teleconference Room and not those in the main auditorium. Let me assure you that all involved; soldiers, sailors and airmen alike were blessed and extremely appreciative of your hard work and dedication.

I personally thank you for the mental reprieve provided by your concert for my soldiers. Opportunities to take a mental break, and virtually return to the states are priceless in a deployed environment; the result being happier and more effective soldiers.

Your efforts have been noticed at the highest levels, but more importantly they directly affected the lives of soldiers on the battlefield - for that, we all thank you.

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Commanding