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Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Program
Massachusetts Cultural Council
10 St. James Ave., 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02116-3803

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support Sally and Fred Harris in their project to restore the historic St. James church buildings as a Cultural Center for the Arts.

As President of the Curtis Institute of Music, I am always on the look-out for new venues to perform in with our students. Our Curtis on Tour project takes our musicians all over the world, and in July 2013 we gave a very successful house concert in the Great Barrington area.

From my experience there last summer and during my years as a Boston Symphony Orchestra member, I believe that the restoration of the St. James church buildings can truly bring great artistic and cultural developments year-round to this wonderful area.

I strongly support the restoration of this beautiful stone church and its adjacent parish hall and I believe that Sally and Fred Harris are well equipped to see this project to its successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Díaz', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Roberto Díaz