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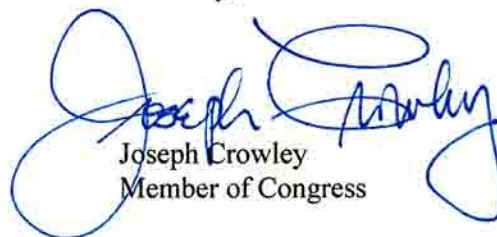
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to today's benefit concert, "Broadway Rising Stars, Giving Hearts." Organized by the Diana Bagrationi Foundation in partnership with VK Studios, all proceeds from tonight's event will be donated to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the Hematology-Oncology Center in the Iashvili Children's Hospital in Tbilisi, and the Pediatric Center of the Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Te Hashomer Hospital in Israel.

Performing today are students from the Biryukov Academy of Arts and Music, aged five to 18 years old. Biryukov Academy provides arts enrichment education with a strong emphasis on fostering social awareness, leadership qualities, and the importance of charitable acts. Their students have gone on to study at prestigious institutions like Julliard, and have won numerous national and international vocal competitions. The academy's Performing for a Cause group has raised tens of thousands of dollars for food pantries, local schools, and charities like the March of Dimes. The students will be led by their teacher, Natela Iosebidze, internationally recognized for her talent in the performing arts.

It is wonderful to see organizations not only coming together to affect positive change in society, but working to teach children the great importance of civic engagement and charitable works. I give my sincerest thanks to the Diana Bagrationi Foundation, VK studios, The Biryukov Academy of Arts and Music performers, and Natela Iosebidze for your great generosity of spirit. I hope that you have an enjoyable evening and wish you all the best in future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Joseph Crowley
Member of Congress