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As a member of the Great Falls Municipal Band, I would like to say a few words about the importance of the "Muni Band" to our community. This organization does a wonderful job of bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to create something of value - bigger and better than our individual selves. Though our country is very divided, our Great Falls community comes together as one people when the Muni Band performs! The Muni Band is vital to the overall health and wellness of our city. For me, our band is a great source of pride, satisfaction, and love for our people.

Our country is suffering greatly during our current financial woes. We are urgently seeking ways to continue to fund our Municipal Band's more than 128 years of uninterrupted performance in Great Falls. In addition to facility rental expenses, our equipment needs are many. These include a new sound reinforcement equipment, sheet music, and replacement of unserviceable percussion equipment.

We appreciate your consideration of our needs to continue our city's great American municipal band tradition.

Sincerely,

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