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**Mr. Brent Scarpo
New Light Media
Palm Springs, California**

Dear Mr. Scarpo,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to tell you how very much we enjoyed your presentation at our school this year. In our Ethnic Diversity class, we had been reading a lot about the diversity of our country, community, and our own campus, and realized that we had to do something as members of our community to help turn around prejudiced thinking, and to enlighten and inform as many people as possible about tolerance and acceptance. As an instructor, this was a very difficult assignment and I did not know where to begin, until I received information about your program at the McCallum Theatre.

I immediately signed my classes up to come and see you and your presentation. After watching your amazing documentary, "Journey To A Hate Free Millennium," I realized that you had accomplished what most classroom instructors could not have imagined. You captivated your audience and the impact of your program will live in the minds of our students for a long time to come.

After seeing your program at the McCallum, I knew we had to find a way for you to come to our campus and present your program to the entire student body of Palm Desert High School. So, in the fall of 2005, you were there, and what a great impact you made on the student body of our campus, which before your visit was filled with prejudiced thinking and non-acceptance of certain groups within our student body.

Not only did you bring with you the visual program and your personal interaction with the audience, but you provided the teachers with assignments and lesson plans, to use before your visit to our campus, and after your visit, to educate our students on the nature and consequences of hatred in our society. These lesson plans and copies of your documentary were gifts to us, from you and they are still being used today in many classes. We would like to thank you for those gifts and for what you have done for our students. Teachers and students are still talking about Brent Scarpo and they are requesting another visit from you, as well.

On behalf of the faculty, administration, students, and staff, I would like to again, thank you for the work that you do and for continuing to inspire the best in all of us, on a daily basis. Tolerance and acceptance is the only way, and you have proven that to us again and again. I would encourage as many school systems as possible, to bring this wonderful, eye opening program, of yours, to their school or community. Our country needs this program in every high school.

Sincerely,

**Lawrence D. Frost
Social Studies Department Chair
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