To whom it may concern

Re: Letter of support for World Hospice and Palliative Care Day and Voices for Hospices 2017

I am writing to show my support and appreciation to the organisers and participants of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day events, and Voices for Hospices concerts around the world this year.

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care globally, and Voices for Hospices is a wave of concerts taking place on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day every two years.

The theme of this year’s World Hospice and Palliative Care Day and Voices for Hospices is: Universal Health Coverage and Palliative Care: Don't leave those suffering behind!

Hospice and palliative care are marginalised issues in healthcare today, and people and families needing these services are often left behind.

The aims of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day are: to share our vision to increase the availability of hospice and palliative care throughout the world by creating opportunities to speak out about the issues, to raise awareness and understanding of the needs – medical, psychological, social, practical, & spiritual – of people living with a life limiting illness and their families; and to raise funds to support and develop hospice and palliative care services around the world.

The global wave of concerts that is Voices for Hospices, represents the connectedness of the hospice and palliative care movement. As we approach the 14th of October, voices will be raised in song from Uganda to Utah, from Zagreb to Zimbabwe, as people come together to raise awareness for hospice and palliative care.

I commend those who have given of their time, energy, talents and resources to take part in this worldwide campaign to raise awareness of and support for these essential services.

I wish you all the best for a successful event.

Kind regards

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