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To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I am writing this letter in support of the Sounds of Good News (SOGN) Productions and their "Young Eagles Success" (YES) Club Character Development and Excellence Youth Program as they are launching a new "Let's GO GREEN" Initiative. This new initiative is aimed to increase the awareness of environmental protection and prevention of pollution. We believe that it is important for the entire community to take part in helping educate our youth in environmental education and awareness, and the SOGN assists in making that happen.

The Illinois EPA acknowledges SOGN leaders, Professor Carl Cole and his wife Dianna Cole as recipients of the Illinois Association of Park Districts & Illinois Park and Recreation Association 2007 "Community Service Award," presented by the Rockford Park District. We also recognize the continuing participation of their "YES" Choir in the annual "Conservation Day" celebration at the Illinois State Fair and applaud their accomplishments of using music to teach students respect and responsibility.

The Illinois EPA strongly supports environmental education and awareness, and encourages community leaders and organizations to support the efforts in bringing inspiration and education, including a much needed environmental empathy to our future leaders. As such, we feel that the SOGN's "Let's GO GREEN" Initiative will help to create the culture necessary to foster a new generation of environmentally conscience citizens.

Sincerely,

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