

Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly
New York Police Department Headquarters
One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038

Dear Commissioner Kelly,

On Saturday September 17, 2011, after performing in the Steuben Festival Parade on 5th Avenue, our band traveled to the site of the 9/11 Memorial with the hopes of playing some patriotic music in a respectful and dignified way to honor the heroes and families affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

We understood that any such performance would have to be approached in a way that was fitting and appropriate, and we even understood that there was a chance that we wouldn't be given permission by authorities at the site.

That date also happened to coincide with the beginning of the "Day of Rage" protests on Wall Street. Officer Donato and the entire team felt that our right to play our music was equal to their right to protest. They provided a safe environment for us and even led us down to play an impromptu concert at FDNY Ladder 10. We played "America The Beautiful," "The Service Themes Medley," Louis Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World," and "When The Saints Go Marching In."

Performing such music, knowing that we had the support of the NYPD was an absolute honor, and a moment that we will never forget.

Thank you NYPD, and God Bless You all.

Sincerely,

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