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Dear Professor Zukoski,

As director of the Multimedia Library and of the Engineering Bureau of IRCAM (Institut de Recherche et Coordination Acoustique/Musique) at the Pompidou Center in Paris, and General Chair of the ISMIR 3rd International Conference on Music Information Retrieval, I am pleased to write in support of Professor J. Stephen Downie's proposal for the creation of a Music Information Retrieval (MIR) Development and Testing Database.

His project will include both a real-life large collection of digitized music – the Naxos collection – as well as the NCSA computing infrastructure. Both should provide his MIR research team at UIUC an incomparable test and development laboratory, thereby greatly enhancing the research capacity of UIUC and its international position in this emerging domain, of interest both to academia and industry.

I hope that UIUC will indeed provide this group with all the means they require for their future work, and will also make it available to the international MIR community.

Sincerely,

Michael Fingerhut
Director, Multimedia Library