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Professor Charles F. Zukoski
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Dear Prof. Zukoski,

As Director of the board of ERAZERO S.r.l., I am pleased to support Professor S. Downie in the creation of a Music Information Retrieval developing and testing database.

Together with its pool of partners, ERAZERO is deeply involved in the development of new management tools for multimedia content. Toward this goal, ERAZERO is convinced of the importance of establishing a standard collection of music materials. Furthermore, this project would enhance the cooperation between our company and universities. The central role of an academic institution such as UIUC is a guarantee of the moral and legal commitment of the project.

ERAZERO would be pleased to compete with other institutions and industries by means of its leading edge technology on a standard collection of real-world dimension. The strength of our algorithms might be certified by the seriousness of the project. We think that the premises are all in this direction.

Sincerely,

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