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TO: Phil Caplan ✓
Staff Secretary

CC: Melanne Verveer

FR: Ann Stock A.S.

RE: Farewell Letter for Congressman Sid Yates

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language with Melanne.
Not Sept 25th date Phil 9/2

On Wednesday, October 7, the Kennedy Center will honor Congressman Sid Yates on pending retirement from Congress this year. As part of our "Millennium Stage Free Performing Arts for Everyone" Series, Leonard Slatkin will conduct a free concert in the Concert Hall to honor him. Congressman Yates' grandson Jonathan, a budding conductor, will direct a selected piece, in honor of his grandfather. At the conclusion of the concert, Congressman and Mrs. Yates will be escorted on stage to be thanked by Maestro Slatkin for their years of support to the Kennedy Center and to the Arts in particular.

Immediately after the concert, a reception will be held on the Box Tier in their honor. The reception is sponsored by our Chairman Jim A. Johnson and the Kennedy Center Congressional Trustees. We would be grateful if the President would agree to write a "farewell" letter to Congressman Yates. We would like to include the farewell letter in the Millennium Stage program for the evening. Additionally, we would like to have the letter read at the reception following the concert.

Thanks for your help in securing this letter. As you well know, Sid has truly been a supporter of the Arts for his entire Congressional career. He deserves any honor that we can give him. Please call me if you have any questions, I can be reached at 202-426-8703.

We need to go to print by September 25th.

Thanks!
Ann Stock