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To Whom It May Concern:

I most strongly recommend Ms Kelly Trudell as a musical artist and a performer. Ms Trudell presents a show that is a rare combination of music and message oriented toward our military and its veterans.

As the commander of the Michigan National Guard of over 13,000 Army, Air, and civilian employees spread over the State of Michigan and deployed overseas, I am often required to hold or attend conferences or other such gatherings. There is always some type of entertainment. Without doubt, Ms. Trudell is the best of all the musicians we have brought in.

She has great melodies, a strong voice, and inspirational lyrics. Even more, her passion for the military comes through as she sings with real emotion. Kelly also has an impressive repertoire ranging from hard-driving rock to a softer, folk-like sound. She puts on a show oriented toward our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, veterans and their families, but suitable for all audiences and all ages. I have had her perform at both of our largest events of the past two years and she had the audience cheering. Of note, she has also—on her own—organized a very professional and well-received and attended concert here in Michigan from which she donated the proceeds of many thousands of dollars to a veterans cause.

Kelly and her team are also professional and easy to work with on business and contract matters. She is on time, puts out a consistently good product, and is attuned to the audience and venue. Kelly performs from the heart and for a cause and that is first on her mind.

I whole-heartedly recommend Kelly Trudell for United Service Organizations (USO) tours; events oriented toward the military, veterans, or with a patriotic theme; or any other event where great musical entertainment is wanted.

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Sincerely,

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