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Dear Texas Commission on the Arts,

I am pleased to write this letter of support of Jazz Houston in its efforts to promote the cultivation of jazz music through performance, education and community outreach.

Led by Vincent Gardner, a veteran of the renowned Jazz at Lincoln Center, Jazz Houston is the second jazz institution in the United States to support a resident Jazz orchestra. The orchestra presents programs that demonstrate the richness and variety of jazz and its relation to other musical genres.

Additionally, Jazz Houston is committed to educating individuals of all ages. Orchestra members and teaching artists regularly lead community educational opportunities for children and adults including workshops, public school programs, and educational residencies. These engaging and lively experiences foster personal relationships with the music for people of all ages while cultivating new audiences of the art form.

There is a rich musical culture in Houston, and Jazz Houston has quickly taken its place in the music scene of the city. Jazz Houston's dual focus on performance and education will provide them with many opportunities. I hope you will join me in supporting this worthy organization as it entertains and educates children and adults alike.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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