

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2103

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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome Shen Yun Performing Arts to Massachusetts for its fifth annual series of performances showcasing traditional Chinese music and dance. As in years past, the 2010 program is sure to enthrall audiences with its presentation of a unique cultural experience that celebrates China's rich artistic heritage.

Thanks to Shen Yun Performing Arts, countless individuals around the world have experienced the joy of classical Chinese dance and music. That shared experience is a wonderful teacher. Through it, we discover what unites us as a people and in doing so, we come to better understand and appreciate the value of community. Through Shen Yun's dedication and commitment, the five-millenia-old artistic tradition of China has come alive for those who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to enjoy it. What a beautiful gift Shen Yun has given to so many people of all ages – a gift that will resonate long after the 2010 performances have ended!

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Paul G. Kirk, Jr.