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Dear Carpenter Foundation:

As the choir director at North Medford High School, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to connect my students with the fine work of the Rogue Valley Harmonizers. I have found that students enjoy and learn from the four-part a capella style the Harmonizers exhibit. Singing in this matter promotes musicality, independent musicianship, and a camaraderie that young singers find rewarding and valuable.

I have reviewed the Harmonizers' ideas in how they can benefit the NMHS Choir program. I believe that they have the potential to influence our entire program comprised of 150 young singers. Most notably, however, will be their work with my beginning Men's Choir of about 25 singers. These young men need role models to teach them to sing with appropriate technique and musicality. My male students are also inspired by the harmonies created by barbershop singing. I can visualize wonderful clinics and coaching sessions where the Harmonizers work with my students to help them achieve their musical goals. With their help, many of my young men will foster a love of singing that will last a lifetime.

Additionally, I will be proud to create a competitive barbershop quartet that represents NMHS at local and national competitive events. The Harmonizers will be instrumental in creating and coaching a competitive quartet.

I sincerely hope that, with your support, the Harmonizers and North Medford High School can form a partnership beneficial and rewarding to our entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Julie Weller