

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Djole Dance and Drum Company  
2449 Beacon Street  
North Charleston, SC 29405

Dear Youth of Djole Dance and Drum Company:

It has come to my attention that this July you plan to lead a humanitarian trip to Ghana and South Africa, where you will help address the AIDS epidemic on the African continent. I understand that you will be joining with other artists in Africa to conduct performances that educate children about AIDS. I want to extend my best wishes to you for taking the initiative to put your artistic talents to such constructive use.

The AIDS epidemic is an extremely serious problem not only for Africa but for the world. AIDS is a devastating disease that has infected over a million people in the United States. Many Americans know someone who has died from or who is currently living with HIV/AIDS. As we continue to treat HIV/AIDS patients, we must ensure that researchers have the tools they need to develop a cure. We must also ensure that people fully understand the disease and its nature. As your representative in the United States Senate, I am most proud to know that you are contributing to that effort.

Again, thank you for your leadership in the fight against AIDS. I wish you the best on your trip this summer and in the future. If I may be of any assistance to you or any of your families, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator

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