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To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to enthusiastically endorse the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestras and their related programs. During the course of the last few years, I have had numerous opportunities to work with both the dedicated staff and the talented young musicians in this excellent organization. I am struck by the broad impact this non-profit has on the Denver-metro communities which it serves. The CYSO outreach program supports approximately one hundred elementary school student that otherwise would have no exposure to classical music. Many of the violin instructors in the outreach program are my colleagues from the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, and their enthusiasm in this endeavor is infectious. The CYSO outreach program is the only one of its type in the Denver area.

The three orchestras that comprise the CYSO are also unique in that they have a strong educational component that is missing in many other youth orchestra programs. Chamber music, music theory classes and a summer chamber music camp are also offered and allow students an opportunity to truly expand their knowledge and love of music.

CYSO is very flexible and accommodating to students and their families who, for financial reasons, might otherwise not be able to participate in the various programs offered. The diversity of student participants in CYSO is truly breathtaking!

This unique youth orchestra program is one of the best in the nation and should serve as a model for similar youth organizations.

Sincerely,

Claude Sim