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Ms. LaShanda Maze
Manager
New Directions Choir
11303 Wilshire Blvd., VA Bldg., 116
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Dear Ms. Maze:

*Serious performance. We are all
impressed! Good luck!*

I would like to personally congratulate the members of the New Directions Choir, collectively and individually, for your recent achievement of performing on the national stage as contestants on "America's Got Talent." Not only did the choir's performance move the millions of Americans who watched, but you also shared a true message of hope and showed selfless caring for your fellow Veterans. I am certain there are Veterans who, after seeing your performance and listening to your stories, realize that, "It's okay for warriors to seek help."

Thank you and the choir for your commitment to helping Veterans, who are facing homelessness. I congratulate you all on your tremendous personal and professional achievements.

Sincerely,


Eric K. Shinseki

