



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

August 30, 2021

Dear Representative Bud Williams, Councilor Tracye Whitfield, SHA Director Denise Jordan, Mr. Robert Jones and Indie Soul Organizers, Performers and Attendees:

First of all, I want to thank you for taking the time to come to City Hall and spending some time with me, Metro Sgt. Brian Elliot and my staff to bring your concerns to the forefront, so that both Commissioner Clapprood and I can address them in a productive manner. We want to assure you that your concerns are important to us and that we will take steps to try to make certain that this does not occur again. Both Commissioner Clapprood and I are genuinely sorry that this wonderful event was disrupted. Any miscommunication or non-respectful interaction by our officers is of paramount concern to my administration and to Commissioner Clapprood. We would hope that we can use this as a tool and a learning moment as our intentions are always in the betterment of police/community relations.

I have supported and attended the Indie Soul event through the years and have thoroughly enjoyed myself and recognize that this event benefits our City and our residents. We look forward to seeing you next year and for years to come. Again, our apologies for any miscommunication and inconveniences. Continued success and good health. God Bless.

Respectfully,

Domenic J. Sarno
Mayor

Cheryl Clapprood
Police Commissioner