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## To whom it may concern:

Old Dominion University's Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab appreciates the three-year partnership with Music Theory Studios. Brooks Crossing Innovation Laboratory (iLab) was the first of its kind in the country, as it blended industry and higher education with city supports. As an instructional hub for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), the iLab featured digital fabrication technology which was used to create a hands-on learning environment for both youth and adults. The iLab offered free educational programs which helped underrepresented and underserved residents to develop skills used in STEM-related careers as well as entrepreneurial programs for those who sought economic empowerment.

Music Theory Studios has provided over ten 6-week courses for Beatmaking, Audio Engineering, and Sewing classes, serving over 100 community members (adults and children) in partnership with Brooks Crossing Innovation Lab. Not only did Music Theory Studios develop and deliver the educational curriculum but they were also responsible for ensuring that all course materials were procured in a timely manner. The skills acquired and/or developed by program participants afforded them an opportunity to receive professional training on industry-standard equipment. Old Dominion University and Virginia's southeast community will be forever grateful to Music Theory Studios for their expertise, dedication, and professionalism in providing high quality musical education to populations who would not normally have the means to receive.

Music Theory Studios is a community treasure and will be welcomed for any and all future projects/programs in need of their expertise.

Sincerely,

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