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Dear Nick,

On behalf of the USO, I want to thank you and the Bergen Bassmasters (NJBF) for your recent gift. We very much appreciate your continued support of the troops and their families. As you know, the USO is not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of individual, caring Americans like you. Without your help, we would not be able to continue to provide urgently needed services - not only to our fighting men and women overseas, but also to their families here at home.

Today, there are still almost 170,000 GIs in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many of these troops are from the tri-state area. Many have had their tours of duty extended, long after they thought they'd be safe at home. As the debate continues over how long they'll have to stay in harm's way, they remain dedicated, loyal, professional, and deserving of all the assistance we can give them.

Nick, the members of the Bergen Bassmasters have done something important to help the USO with the daunting task of reaching all the troops who are fighting on multiple fronts all over the world. From all of us at the USO, and for the troops overseas and their loved ones here at home, thank you for your generosity.

With my warm and heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian C. Whiting". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brian Whiting
President