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February 5, 2008

Barry L Alvarez
Athletics Director
Event Administration
Camp Randall Stadium
1440 Monroe St
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Alvarez:

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Douglas E. Chickering
Executive Director
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John A Finkler
Conference Coordinator
Event Administration
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Madison, WI 53715

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Madison Fireworks Fund, Inc.
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Suite 140
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