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As I will soon be leaving Washington, DC, I do not want to miss the opportunity to thank you very much for the wonderful, high-quality concerts of the Embassy Series that we offered together at the Embassy during my tenure as German Ambassador. Your idea to bring world-class artists to Washington and present them in the unique setting of foreign missions was very well received among many music fans in the Washington area.

That particularly applies to the German artists who were invited by the Embassy Series program over the course of our long cooperation. The concerts you organize have become a fixture among the German Embassy's events. You have been and remain not only a supporter of German artists but also an ambassador of German classical music at many events with international musicians here in the U.S. You have always believed in the binding, reconciling power of music beyond borders and have created in the Embassy Series an institution that, in the truest sense of the word, overcomes boundaries and establishes and fosters friendship. For that I wish to express my high recognition.

I will long remember the pleasant, personal working relationship with you and your wife Lisette, which served as the basis for our fruitful cooperation.

Best wishes to you and Lisette for the future.