## United States Senate

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Dance Parade 61 West 104<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3B New York, NY 10025

Dear Friends:



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Please accept my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations as you gather for Dance Parade New York's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Parade and Festival "United We Dance Parade". I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the great work of Dance Parade New York, its leadership, volunteers, dancers and all who have made this exciting event possible.

Established in 2007, Dance Parade New York has cultivated enthusiasm around dance as a unifying art form. Measured by the strength and dedication of all its members and leadership, Dance parade New York celebrates multiculturalism and educates the public about different opportunities to experience dance throughout the city. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance Parade will include 75 styles of dance, from all over the world, traditional and modern. Since its inception, the parade has grown exponentially, now showcasing 300 dance organizations and over 10,000 dancers to parade participants that cheer on the dancers and join in the festivities. I applaud your hard work that allows Dance Parade New York to continue to grow and flourish as an institution of excellence.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and dedication on behalf of all New Yorkers. I hope Dance Parade New York continues these efforts for many years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful afternoon.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer United States Senator