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## **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND EMAIL**

Donald Trump
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500
Attn: John Kelly, White House Chief of Staff

Re: Unauthorized use of Pharrell Williams' "Happy"

Dear Mr. Trump:

We write you on behalf of our client, Pharrell Williams, composer and performer of the hit song "Happy." On the day of the mass murder of 11 human beings at the hands of a deranged "nationalist," you played his song "Happy" to a crowd at a political event in Indiana. There was nothing "happy" about the tragedy inflicted upon our country on Saturday and no permission was granted for your use of this song for this purpose.

Pharrell Williams is the owner of the copyright in "Happy," with the exclusive right to exploit same. Pharrell has not, and will not, grant you permission to publicly perform or otherwise broadcast or disseminate any of his music. The use of "Happy" without permission constitutes copyright infringement in violation of 17 U.S.C. § 501. This also violates Pharrell's trademark rights under the Lanham Act.

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Demand is hereby made that you cease and desist from any further unauthorized use of Pharrell Williams' music.

Very truly yours,

Høward E. King

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