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Mr. Frank D'Rone
1002 Briarcliffe Boulevard
Wheaton, Illinois 60189

Dear Mr. D'Rone:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend best wishes to you as you celebrate your 80th birthday.

As you celebrate your birthday at the Chicago Jazz Festival please know that without you, the world's greatest free jazz festival wouldn't be possible. Chicago has a rich history in jazz and is widely recognized across the globe for its contributions to the art form. Much of that impressive reputation can be attributed to your lifelong efforts and work in the field. Every year over 125,000 people come to listen, dance, picnic on the grass, and celebrate the art that you and your fellow musicians influence, inspire and create.

Your leadership, dedication and guidance have been a great foundation for future generations of artists. Thank you for all that you do to make Chicago one of the best places in the world for jazz.

I join your family and friends in wishing you an enjoyable birthday celebration.

Sincerely,

Mayor