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I send my warmest greetings to the Philadelphia Orchestra as you commemorate 50 years of rich cultural exchange between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Music has the unique ability to take us back to the most cherished times, places, and memories in our lives. But it also moves us forward—helping transcend language, overcome geography, and unite cultures and communities around the world. Today, the Philadelphia Orchestra remains a critical link in the long line of American musicians and musical groups who have used their artistic abilities to do just that.

In the half-century since becoming the first American orchestra to perform in China, you have served as a bridge between our nations, strengthening the bonds that bring our people together. Your anniversary performance in Beijing alongside the China National Symphony Orchestra will help forge even closer cultural ties, forever symbolizing the power of connection and collaboration.

Thank you for your dedication to spreading goodwill and friendship through the power of music. The tireless work of organizations like the Philadelphia Orchestra is part of the reason I have never been more optimistic about the future of our Nation and our world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Biden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.