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Damon Batiste  
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Dear Batiste Family,

On behalf of Neighbor Commerce Institute (NCI), Inc., we extend our deepest condolences to you Damon, and your family during this difficult time. We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Russell Batiste Jr., a talented musician whose contributions to the world of music will be remembered for generations to come.

As many have already stated in different forms and venues, Russell's artistry and passion for drumming were truly remarkable. His music transcended boundaries and touched the souls of many, leaving an indelible mark on the music industry. His legacy will forever be a source of inspiration for aspiring musicians and a testament to the power of creativity and expression.

While we cannot fully comprehend the depth of your loss, we want you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We hope that the fond memories of Russell's incredible talent and the love and support of friends and family provide you with solace during this time of grief.

If there is anything we can do to support you or your family in any way, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to assist in any way we can.

May Russell Batiste's music continue to bring joy to all who hear it, and may his memory be a source of comfort and strength.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Neighbor Commerce Institute (NCI), Inc.

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