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Dear Ben,

This letter is to thank you for your presentation at the in-service offered by Colorado State's Office of Women's Programs and Studies and for your performance of your play "Voices of Men." I was very impressed by your commitment to the movement to end violence against women and your performance. One other Crossroads Safehouse staff member and a volunteer also attended your play and were equally moved.

I was really moved by your piece analyzing the movie "Rocky." So often I feel that sexual assault is seen in terms of this violent, physically aggressive act. Your piece helped to demonstrate that consent can be "whittled" away and that is not okay. I also enjoyed the multimedia piece of the play. It helped move the time along and brought a lot of information and resource out to the audience. Your play contained a good amount of educational material, was nicely paced and was funning enough to ease some tense with the topic.

It makes me very happy to know that you are out on campuses spreading a very crucial message; that is that we need men's voices in this movement in order to fully address the problem. I hope that you are able to make it back to Colorado in the future and will definitely pass your information onto other advocates.

Sincerely,

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