



March 5, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the national Lincoln Highway Association, the directors voted unanimously to encourage the work of Cecelia "Cece" Otto. Ms. Otto will be performing songs from the 1910s, 1920s, and 1930s in various locations along the Lincoln Highway to help celebrate its Centennial in 2013. Her song concerts will be called *An American Songline: A Musical Journey Along the Lincoln Highway*.

While the Lincoln Highway Association cannot support the work of Ms. Otto financially, the Board hopes that she can find financial support to complete her travels. She plans to travel through fourteen states as she performs period songs to help tell the history of the Lincoln Highway through American music. Any financial support from other sources would be greatly appreciated. Many of the members of the Board of Directors heard Ms. Otto perform nostalgic songs at the Annual Conference of the Lincoln Highway Association in Canton, Ohio, during June of 2012.

The Lincoln Highway was the first coast-to-coast highway in the United States developed on improved roads. Established in 1913, the Highway stretches from Times Square, New York City to the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Envisioned by Carl Fisher, an Indianapolis automobile entrepreneur who also developed the idea of the Indianapolis 500, the Lincoln Highway is the largest memorial to President Abraham Lincoln. The year 2013 will mark the Lincoln Highway's 100th anniversary and there are numerous celebration activities planned throughout the year.

The song performances of Ms. Otto will be unique--the majority of the activities of the Lincoln Highway Association involve antique cars, traveling the road, and stopping at historical sites. Music is an

integral part of American history and culture, and Ms. Otto hopes to share that history with as many public audiences as possible.

Thank you for your time,

Kay Shelton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kay Shelton".

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