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To Whom it may Concern,

At the end of 2017 we put out our call for artists in order to gather submissions for sculptures to be considered for replacements for our sculpture stroll in 2018. Craig Gray from Key West, Florida was one of seven artists selected. His sculpture, "Slices of Heaven", was installed in our Farmers Market location in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Considering the distance he traveled on his journey to deliver several sculptures across the country, we were highly impressed with the communications and timeliness he provided in order to coordinate a very trouble free installation. He arrived in the morning at the specified time with all the tools and equipment needed to properly install the piece of art.

The artwork is a stack of orange slices approximately nine feet tall. It fits in well with the location as produce is sold there and is a great conversation piece for our community. Although it is not metal or bronze, it is still a very robust structure and Craig has standardized the colors which are easy to obtain and provided simple instructions in case damage should occur. Considering the extreme weather we have in Minnesota, the sculpture has easily shed off the elements and held up to children closely examining this curiosity.

Craig is a very talented and self-reliant artist who understands the complexities of large installations and comes prepared with the equipment needed to secure his artwork. We are honored to be his northern most host of one of his installations in the U.S.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Ivan Otteson".

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