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Hi Attorney General,

I am writing to let you know that my years at Marlboro College were the most important of my life. It taught me how to think independently and to think clearly. The college was a place that accepted people who were different and who felt that they didn't belong at other schools. Some maybe weren't good at academics because of emotional problems or maybe they didn't approach learning in a traditional way. I felt different because I was shy and gay and came from a broken family life. My professors and the other students changed my life completely around. So long as you were a student who loved books and were passionate about learning, there was a place for you at Marlboro. And professors engaged with us students as equals, listened to our ideas and became like aunts and uncles to us.

Now I hear that it is being sold and its endowment is being sent out of state to a college that is not at all what Marlboro is. I didn't love Marlboro only for the independent study aspect of its academics, which they are pretending to recreate in Boston. There was something about being at a small college on a mountain in Vermont with a small group of adults and kids who were dedicated to reading the classics and arguing about ideas that transformed my life among many student's lives and prepared us for graduate work better than many other undergraduate programs. I would love to rewind

the years of my life and be back at Marlboro again. Of course, with our scientific understanding where it is currently, journeys across time aren't possible. I had hoped, though, that this most precious of colleges would continue on into the future for other students, who like me, would best be served by a close-knit community of scholars in the mountains of Vermont. Please help! Don't let them kill it! Warm Regards,

Jamme K. Chantler

“Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness.” – **Maya Angelou**

“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.” – **Albert Einstein**