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Dear AMTA,

It is with deep regret and disappointment that I am unable to attend the conference as planned. Unfortunately, I have temporary health issues that are prohibiting me from flying. At this time, I can only extend a heartfelt apology to those who were looking forward to hearing me speak and drum.

Even though I cannot attend the conference, my support for music therapy and its practitioners is unwavering.

My goal is to push forward the science and research that confirms music therapy as an effective healing method and clinical practice. We all know that music and sound are special to us as human beings, and now we're on the precipice of discovering why. Not only is it an exciting time, but it is a time where music therapists, scientists, and music enthusiasts are coming together to help put music therapy in every community across the nation.

On the upcoming Mickey Hart Band tour, I am connecting with Music Therapists in every city that I perform in. In addition, I hope to raise money for the AMTA research fund and other local organizations. Please come see one of our shows, show an AMTA badge, and get in for free.

Once again, I am very sorry that I cannot join you at the conference. I know you all will continue to work hard, like you always have.

In rhythm,

Mickey Hart