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Ray Hanania
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Dear Ray,

On behalf of the Independent Press Association of Chicago, thank you for speaking at the Making Media Connections conference earlier this month.

IPA-Chicago cosponsored the conference with the Community Media Workshop for the first time this year. **With your help, we greatly increased awareness of the diverse ethnic, community, and independent press through this collaboration:** You were among 46 speakers—most of them people of color—recruited by IPA-Chicago to address approximately 200 leaders, activists, and publishers.

IPA-Chicago also piloted a Publishing Skills track at the conference. If you presented in one of these workshops, we want to extend special thanks to you. **Your efforts were crucial in helping IPA-Chicago, as a new organization, learn how to serve and strengthen the independent press more effectively.** We have analyzed this year's efforts, and we are already applying the lessons we've learned as we plan for future programs. I would be happy to share our post-conference report with you.

Your time, energy, skills, and expertise are in high demand. We thank you for contributing them to our mission of strengthening Chicago's independent press, and we hope that we can assist you in the future.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lalley
Coordinator

*Thank you so much.
Let's continue
collaborating!*

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