Hello,

Thank you for helping with our research project. Since we spoke, our team has developed a digital platform prototype displaying some of the data we gathered based on our interviews with you and other luthiers.

We'd greatly appreciate your feedback on <u>our platform prototype</u> if you would be open to taking a look at the link and speaking with us again, even briefly, by 6/27/22.

- 1. What suggestions might you make to the way that the resources have been made available?
- 2. In what ways could the data on the site could be made more useful and relevant to your work?
- 3. What are your thoughts on site layout and organization?
- 4. How might we improve the website for you specifically?
- 5. What are the most beneficial features the website contains for you personally?
- 6. Are there features on the website that are not beneficial?
- 7. How might we change the website (any and all aspects of it) to improve it?

Thank you again for your time, feedback, and willingness to help with this research. In addition to email communication, our team can schedule a brief zoom meeting or phone call to discuss your feedback.

By sending your feedback to the team regarding their prototype platform, you acknowledge the team's following consent and release protocols:

The team will keep all private information confidential. All parties involved have the right to withdraw any of their information and discontinue participating in our research at any time. All private information collected from participants during our study will be permanently deleted after one years time. Records of your participation in this study will be held confidential so far as permitted by law. However, the study investigators, the sponsor or its designee and, under

certain circumstances, the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Institutional Review Board (WPI IRB) will be able to inspect and have access to confidential data that identify you by name. Any publication or presentation of the data will not identify you. Information collected and utilized within this study is intended to and will only be used to aid our and future research/development of guitar building and analysis.

Sincerely,

The Fretology IQP Team