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The Honorable Francis S.M. Hodson
Chairman-
National Endowment for the Arts
2401 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Providence Foundation in Providence, Rhode Island has recently submitted an application to the Design Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant request for $27,500 has been made under the Design Demonstration category.

With Endowment support, the Foundation proposes to develop a viable plan to regain productive use of the city's waterfront. It will be a cooperative effort of four city and state government departments that could become a model for other New England cities with underutilized waterfronts.

The Providence harbor was once the city's most important natural and man-made asset. The study being coordinated by the Providence Foundation will explore creative ways that could restore vital commercial activity to this area.

I want to express my strong support for this grant request and my hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell