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Honorable Livingston L. Biddle  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts  
Washington, DC  20506  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival has recently submitted an application to the Challenge Grant Program of the Arts Endowment.

This dance festival, one of the oldest and most prestigious in the world, is a particular source of pride to all of us from New England. Its eight week summer season in the Berkshires is the only major festival of dance accessible to our regional audience.

Jacob's Pillow presents a rich program of established and emerging national and international dance companies that encompass all forms of dance including ballet, modern, ethnic, and mime. Many prominent soloists dancing today have had their debuts at the Festival.

The Challenge Grant that Jacob's Pillow seeks will serve as the cornerstone for a major fund raising campaign that will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of the Festival. I am pleased to add my enthusiastic support to this grant proposal and sincerely hope that the Arts Endowment will act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell