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January 18, 1982

Honorable Francis S.M. Hodsoll
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
2401 H Street
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Family of Man Foundation in Providence, Rhode Island, has an application currently pending in the Expansion Arts Program.

The Foundation continues to be one of Rhode Island's most interesting and unique cultural organizations. It coordinates performing companies in the area among certain special constituencies such as the elderly, the handicapped and the school population. The financial assistance being sought from the Endowment will permit them to expand the Circus Wagon Theater and the senior citizens projects.

The Family of Man Foundation has brought the magic of a theatrical experience to segments of the population who have not always had access to such programs in the past. It is a successful and ongoing project which has always had my strongest endorsement. I hope that the Endowment will share my enthusiasm by approving the Foundation's current grant request.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

/AC/jb

Claiborne Pell