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Professor Mahler B. Ryder
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Providence, Rhode Island 02906

Dear Professor Ryder:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for informing me of the project to establish a Jazz Hall of Fame.

The City of Newport would indeed be a most fitting place to locate such a center. With the backing of the Newport City Council as well as the Cultural Commission, you should be well on your way to locating a suitable site for this fine addition to the Newport cultural scene.

When the appropriate time comes, I would be delighted to put you in touch with officials at the National Endowment for the Arts who will surely share my enthusiasm for this project.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell