The Honorable Francis S.M. Hodsoll  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Portuguese Cultural Foundation based in Providence, Rhode Island has recently submitted an application to the Media Arts Division of the National Endowment for the Arts. The request for $33,000 has been made under the category for Film and Video Production.

Endowment support is sought to produce the sequel to a film known as "TERRA DE ABRIL", a superb chronicle of life in a Portuguese village that was shot in 1976 by film maker Philippe Costantini. The current project, known as "Portuguese in Massachusetts", will follow two families who emigrated from Portugal to Massachusetts and explore how each has adapted to life in America. Their stories are very different but equally absorbing.

On completion, the Portuguese Cultural Foundation will present this film across the country in all of our communities of Portuguese-Americans as well as at universities with Portuguese studies programs. The Foundation was created as a non-profit corporation in 1979 by an act of the Rhode Island General Assembly and it conducts a nationwide program of events to promote a better understanding of Portuguese culture.

I want to convey to you my support for this important project.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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