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July 27, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Public Parks in Providence, Rhode Island has recently submitted two important grant applications to the National Endowment for the Arts. The first request, for $25,000, has gone to the Dance Presenters category of the Dance Program and the second, for $19,000, to the Presenting Organizations category of the Interarts Program.

The Dance Program grant is intended to provide the first major Rhode Island dance festival in Roger Williams Park. Five nationally prominent dance companies will be invited to participate in a serious effort to expand the scope and quality of the arts presented in this unique urban Victorian park.

A grant from the Interarts Program will allow the Department to develop its Sundays in the Park performances. With a capacity of 50,000 for such events, it is only a matter of time before this series becomes a major regional arts festival.

I am strongly supportive of both applications from the Providence Department of Public Parks and hope that, after careful consideration, the Arts Endowment will act favorably on them.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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