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Ms. Iona B. Dobbins  
Executive Director  
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts  
95 Cedar Street  
Providence, RI 02903  

Dear Iona:  

Thank you very much for your letter and for telling me of RISCA's recent application for a Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The proposed Artist Endowment Fund to benefit Rhode Island's artists is a superb idea and I am delighted to note the involvement of the Rhode Island Foundation.  

I have taken the liberty of writing to John Frohnmayer at the Arts Endowment to express my support for your grant request and am enclosing a copy of my letter for your own files.  

As soon as I hear anything further from the Endowment I will be back in touch with you.  

With warm regards,  

Ever sincerely,  

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities
Honorable John E. Frohnmayer
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 Rhode Island State Council on the Arts has recently applied to the Challenge Grant program at the National Endowment for the Arts. The request is for a $50,000 Challenge III Grant.

This award will enable the State Council on the Arts to establish a permanent endowment fund to support the work of Rhode Island's individual artists. This long-term support system, which will be set up in cooperation with the Rhode Island Foundation, will be known as The Artist Endowment Fund. It is an exciting project which will generate much-needed financial assistance for the lively and growing community of Rhode Island artists for years to come.

I am strongly supportive of this effort being undertaken by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and the Rhode Island Foundation and hope that the Endowment will share my enthusiasm by awarding this $50,000 Challenge Grant.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities