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Mr. Robert DeMers
Arts Services Director
R.I. State Council on
the Arts
312 Wickenden Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for informing me of the State Council's current application to the Arts Endowment for assistance in holding special seminars for visual artists.

I am delighted to know this and have taken the liberty of writing to Chairman Hodgson to express my support for your grant request. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed for your records.

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

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The Honorable Francis S.M. Hodson
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
2401 B Street, 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 submitted an application to the Visual Arts Program at the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant request for $4,960 has been made under the category of Visual Artists Forums.

The State Council on the Arts proposed to convene four day-long seminars each of which will address an important area of current concern to visual artists. Each session will be presided over by a panel of national figures in the arts community.

The State of Rhode Island has one of the larger per capita populations of artists of any state in the country. They are attracted by the high quality of our educational institutions as well as by the great natural beauty of the physical surroundings. Structured opportunities for sharing ideas and information, however, are not often available. Because of this, I believe this proposal to be particularly significant and worthy of the Endowment's support.

I want to express my strong personal interest in this grant request from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell