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Honorable Livingston L. Biddle  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts  
Washington, D.C. 20506  

Dear Mr. Chairman:  

It has come to my attention that the University of Rhode Island has recently submitted a grant application to the design communication category of the Design Arts Program. The grant request for $37,347 in Endowment funds will assist graduate students in Community Planning at the University to develop a renewal plan for the Washington Park neighborhood in Providence, Rhode Island.

The project planners hope to show through the use of a short film how the preservation and renewal of an older urban residential neighborhood can be enhanced both physically and economically by innovative energy saving technology.

I wish to add my strong support for this exciting project to that already expressed by both city and state planning officials. It is my hope that, after careful consideration, the National Endowment for the Arts will act favorably on this grant request.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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