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April 24, 1978

Mr. William Dunfey
Lamies Building
Hampton, New Hampshire 03842

Dear Bill:

I am sending you a copy of my recent letter to Liv Biddle at the National Endowment for the Arts in regard to the grant application submitted by the Theatre-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth.

I was sorry to learn that the original application was turned down but am hopeful that some funds will be made available through the Chairman's discretionary fund so that the Theatre's expansion campaign can proceed on schedule.

If there is anything else that I can assist you with, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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April 24, 1978

Honorable Livingston L. Bidle
Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that a grant application submitted by the Theatre-by-the-Sea in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has not been recommended for funding.

I feel that the Theatre's project is a particularly worthy one since it involves recycling an older building for the expansion of a vital and creative regional theatre company.

I urge you to allocate the Theatre-by-the-Sea the sum of \$15,000 from the Chairman's discretionary fund. This amount will be supplemented by funds raised from private sources and should allow the Theatre to maintain its tight expansion schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

BCC: Roy Knight, Architecture Program, NEA

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*This is the
project we discussed
on phone*