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ENDORSEMENT OF GENERAL TREASURER PAUL J. TAVARES

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Dear Friends:

I am honored to provide my endorsement of the Portuguese American Citizenship Project in its admirable mission to promote citizenship and civic participation among the Portuguese American community.

In 1999, the Luso-American Development Foundation began the Citizenship Project. I became aware of the Project shortly after its inception and have been an avid supporter ever since. A great deal has been accomplished, but there is still more work to be done.

Becoming a citizen of the United States is one of the most valuable privileges that can be bestowed upon an individual. Voting is an important civil right. As a state elected official, I wholeheartedly support the fundamental principles of freedom and opportunity and endorse the efforts of this very important endeavor.

The contributions of organizations like this are extremely important to the cultural and civic fabric of our nation. The results achieved thus far serve as an example of what can be accomplished through hard work and dedication.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Tavares
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