

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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President Alberto João Gonçalves Jardim
Regional Government of Maderia
Avenida do Infante, N.º 1
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Portugal

Dear President Jardim:

We write to express our deepest sympathy for the victims and families of those killed, as well as our concern for those injured and displaced by the floods and mudslides that hit Madeira Island on February 20, 2010. With more than 100,000 Portuguese-Americans living in Rhode Island, our connection to Portugal is strong. We can assure you that Rhode Islanders, along with our colleagues in Congress, are joined together in this time of sadness to express solidarity with the people of Madeira.

We also applaud the valiant efforts of fire, police, medical, military, and other rescuers who are providing assistance. Our hearts reach out to the people of Madeira during this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,




Jack Reed
United States Senator



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator



Patrick Kennedy
Member of Congress



Jim Langevin
Member of Congress