

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 25, 2010

The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton:

We write regarding the tragic floods and mudslides that occurred on Madeira Island on February 20, 2010.

With more than 100,000 Portuguese-Americans living in Rhode Island, our connection to Portugal is strong. We are encouraged by the comments you made recently regarding the situation and appreciate the assistance being provided through USAID.

We also encourage you to work with your counterparts in the European Union to provide the necessary support to the people of Madeira Island in this time of tragedy.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

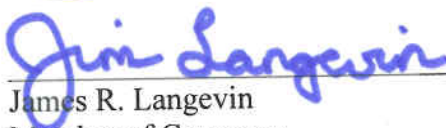
Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator



James R. Langevin
Member of Congress



Patrick Kennedy
Member of Congress