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Connecticut Association For The Deaf

Dear Luisa,

Thank you again for speaking with me and agreeing to present some of our work and ideas to the Connecticut Association board of directors.

As you may be aware, approximately 20 years ago there was an attempt by friends of Laurent Clerc to get him a United States Commemorative Stamp in recognition of his contributions to the Deaf community and the United States. This effort was unsuccessful.

In 2021 several friends at the American School for The Deaf decided we would try again. We then launched a very methodical and slow moving drive.

During the last stamp effort, association chapters like yours were instrumental in getting Laurent Clerc on the map, albeit briefly. It is our belief that the associations can be valuable during this 2nd effort.

We have decided to approach the stamp effort in several ways.

1. Collect individual signatures and more visual "Selfies of Support" (SOS) to be included in the eventual application.
2. Collect letters of support from agencies and organizations like your own.
3. Raise Laurent's profile through school based art/history/stamp projects.

It is not clear we will be successful with our stamp effort but we are hoping that our programs and projects will be fun and enlightening in themselves. The minimum we could expect is to raise his profile and use him to promote Deaf History.

In order to work with associations I am trying to discover the best way to access their members and educate them on the stamp effort. I was hoping that your association, so close in proximity to Laurent's first homes in America, would be a testing ground for how to engage associations and their rank a file members.

To date we have only engaged with 1 association, The Oklahoma City Association for the Deaf. They were kind enough to provide us with SOS of individuals and their group gathering. These

will be filed in application for stamp to demonstrate visually support for Laurent and hopefully impact the evaluators as we were not able to last time around.

I will attach some documents on this email that will give you a sense of some of our work. As for your association I hope that you would be able to talk with your leadership about ways that I may connect with you and your members, giving me insight in how to approach other chapters.

Specific things in the coming year that would advance our application would be #1 (individual signatures and more visual "Selfies of Support") and #2 (letter of support) outlined above. Also, I am excited to hear what your association thinks of the project and its ideas.

Thank you again for your time in considering my request. Please let me know if you have questions.

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<https://www.laurentclerc.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/64625327737>

P.S. In the short term, If any of your directors or leaders wish to contribute some type of support I have added the petition link: <https://www.change.org/astampforlaurent>. If anyone would like to contribute a visual selfie I have included the QR code that brings you to the address from which I collect and store them.

