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Dr. Geir Lundestad, Secretary
Nobel Peace Prize Committee
The Norwegian Nobel Institute
Henrik Ibsens gate 51
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Endorsement of Nomination for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize ABDIAS NASCIMENTO

Dear Mr. Lundestad,

I, Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis, fully endorse the nomination of Mr. Abdias Nascimento, a Brazilian citizen, for the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize according to the letter presented by Professor Clóvis Brigagão.

This nomination is a testament to Mr. Nascimento's 75 years of struggle on pressing issues such as human rights, racial equality, social inclusion of Afro-Brazilians and the democratic defense of the majority African descendant population in Brazil. He has demonstrated strong political activism as a member of the Brazilian Federal Senate and Chamber of Deputies. As an educator, he fought for the assertion of African and Diaspora culture and history while serving as professor for Ivy League and other top universities in the Americas and also in Brazil.

His countless works and contributions as an artist (poetry, theatre, and paintings), politician, author, and educator among other things, along with his unwavering devotion to human dignity and liberty has forever solidified his position as a life-long freedom fighter.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodney Ellis".

Rodney Ellis
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