



*Embassy of Greece
Washington, D.C.*

The Ambassador

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**Mr. Andreas Dracopoulos
Co-President
The Stavros Niarchos Foundation
645 Madison Avenue
Suite 2200
New York, NY 10022**

Dear Mr. Dracopoulos:

I have always considered the mission and works of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation as inspiring, substantive and life-altering for their beneficiaries.

It is not only the wide range and diversity of financial grants that make SNF's work unique; it is also its far sightedness, its long-term vision and its determination to make a lasting impact by monitoring projects and holding recipients accountable to a higher standard, something particularly needed in Greece.

Your recent pledge of \$130 million to help ease the adverse effects of the crisis in Greece truly raises the bar, inspiring others to put aside their own self-motivated considerations and rise to the occasion.

At this critical time of dire need for Greece, this grant provides substantive support to those most affected by the crisis, assisting them with the fundamentals of daily life, while at the same time it creates options for young people by investing in their future.

This gesture is also testament to your own commitment and dedication to Greece. Furthermore, it urges our fellow citizens to consider those less fortunate than us, while at the same time it is a vote of confidence in the Greek people, an indication of trust in their capabilities and motives.

As Greece's Ambassador to the United States, I congratulate and thank you and your fellow board members for this generous contribution, among many others. I am confident that it will lead others to follow your example and truly believe that it will inspire recipients to live up to your expectations.

With my best regards,

Sincerely yours,

**Vassilis Kaskarelis
Ambassador**