

University of Rhode Island

DigitalCommons@URI

Letters (1981)

Education: National Endowment for the Arts
and Humanities, Subject Files I (1973-1996)

11-9-1981

Letters (1981): Correspondence 07

Claiborne Pell

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/pell_neh_I_44

Recommended Citation

Pell, Claiborne, "Letters (1981): Correspondence 07" (1981). *Letters (1981)*. Paper 23.
https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/pell_neh_I_44/23

This Correspondence is brought to you for free and open access by the Education: National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities, Subject Files I (1973-1996) at DigitalCommons@URI. It has been accepted for inclusion in Letters (1981) by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@URI. For more information, please contact digitalcommons-group@uri.edu.

November 9, 1981

Ms. Joan Ress Reeves
Chair
Rhode Island State Advisory
Council on Libraries
Department of State Library Services
95 Davis Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Dear Ms. Reeves:

Thank you for your recent letter of October 28th in regard to appropriations for Public Libraries and the Department of Education.

As you know, the House-passed appropriations bill contains a figure of \$62.5 million for Public Libraries and \$12 million for Inter-library Cooperation. The Senate Appropriations Committee, I am pleased to report, has also recommended these same figures. While this measure has yet to be approved by the full Senate, I want you to know that I definitely support both of these funding levels.

With respect to the Department of Education, I do not believe it should be abolished. I was an early and strong advocate of its creation. I believed then, and believe now, that educational matters should be voiced, debated and considered at the very highest levels of our National Government. Education should be one of our Nation's top priorities, and a Cabinet-level Department helps insure that its concerns will receive immediate and direct consideration by the President.

Thank you again for writing me on these important matters. If there is any further way in which I can be of help, I hope you will let me know.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

AZ/ap