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Mr. Bruce G. Sundlun, President
Ocean State Performing Arts Center
220 Weybosset Street
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Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in which you so eloquently stress the importance of the National Endowment for the Arts to our two leading performing arts institutions in Rhode Island.

Senator Stafford and I are strongly supportive of level funding for the Endowment from Fiscal Year 1982 to 1983. In other words, we would like to maintain the figure of $143.04 million. Our position in regard to the arts budget coincides with the recently passed Senate Budget Resolution which asks for a freeze in funding for all such programs.

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to write me on this important issue. As you know, the health and vitality of the National Endowment for the Arts is of very special concern to me and I will do everything I can to obtain as a high a budget as possible in these difficult times.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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