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May 27, 1982

Mr. E. Timothy Langan
Managing Director
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Dear Mr. Langan:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in which you eloquently stress the importance of the Federal cultural programs to our Rhode Island institutions.

Senator Stafford and I are strongly supportive of level funding for the National Endowment for the Arts from Fiscal 1982 to 1983. In other words, we would like to maintain the figure of $143 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 particular concern to me and I will do everything I can to obtain as high a budget as possible in these difficult times.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell