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Honorable Edward D. DiPrete
Mayor
City of Cranston
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Mayor DiPrete:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for informing me of your interest in Congressman Clay’s bill to institute a municipal arts program.

As you know, I am especially eager to encourage arts programs at the community level and intend to carefully review H.R. 6199.

However, in these times of tight budgets and financial cutbacks, it would be unrealistic of me to be too hopeful about any new programs that will require large sums of money.

I appreciate knowing of your support for this initiative and want you to know that I will give it serious consideration.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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