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January 3, 1979

Honorable Joseph Duffey  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Washington, DC  20506  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that Museums Collaborative, Inc., a non-profit agency serving cultural institutions in New York City, has recently submitted a proposal to the Education Division of the Humanities Endowment.

This agency, which has been highly successful in stimulating community interest in local cultural organizations, is seeking Endowment support for a new venture to be known as "A Voucher Program for Public Schools and Cultural Institutions." Over a four year period the Museum/School Voucher project will train teachers and principals from twenty schools and museum directors from ten institutions in the New York area to work together in developing a broad variety of educational programs for students.

Selected schools will use money in the form of vouchers to purchase educational services from the participating museums. It is estimated that more than 4,000 students will benefit from exposure to their local cultural institutions through this proposed voucher system.

I am pleased to add my support to this extremely worthwhile project which holds tremendous promise of national impact. I sincerely hope that the Humanities Endowment will act favorably on it.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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