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CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: Gray Garwood
FROM: Pat Morrissey, Senior Legislative Associate
SUBJECT: Rep. Bartlett's Recommendations for Reauthorization of the Endowments

Background

I have discussed the following with Mr. Bartlett today. He would recommend changes in eight areas. Each is presented below. I have prepared three components for each: (1) the purpose/intent, (2) recommended language, and (3) the location for the amendment in the statute.

1. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUNDING OF OFFENSIVE PRODUCTS BY THE NEA

Purpose: To prevent or at least minimize the possibility that NEA would fund objectional material, such as material which would be viewed as racist or pornographic by a large segment of the population.

Language: Panel of experts appointed to review or make recommendations with respect to the approval of applications or projects for funding shall, when reviewing such applications and projects, not recommend for funding those which, in the context with which they are presented, in the experts view, would be offensive to a large segment of the population.

Location: Insert under section 10(a)(4).

2. THREE TO ONE AND FOUR TO ONE FOR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHALLENGE GRANTS AWARDED BY NEA

Purpose: To achieve the maximum leverage in NEA dollars invested in Challenge Grants.

Language: The total amount of payment under this subsection for a program or project shall not exceed 33.3 per centum of the cost