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May 18, 1976

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman, Education Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

REF: Revision of S1800

Dear Senator Pell:

I am writing to express my strong support for the administrative provision concerning surplus property currently being considered by your committee as a revision to S1800. By providing access to federal surplus items, the government would offer a vital service to nonprofit theatres and other arts organizations all over the country. As you well know, performing arts institutions cannot rely on earnings to support themselves; at the same time, foundation funds have diminished while costs, particularly of materials, have risen sharply in the face of inflation. Access to surplus materials is one way to help reduce at least some of the increasing burden of costs.



As the national service organization for the nonprofit professional theatre, TCG speaks for hundreds of theatres throughout the country which will welcome the surplus provision in the Senate bill.

Thank you for your attention and support for this valuable revision.

Sincerely,

Peter Zeisler

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