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MEMO

TO:        David Evans
           Margaret Smith

FROM:      Ellin Nolan 289-3960

RE:        Arts and Education Conference Agreement

DATE:      August 12, 1994

Attached is a summary of the points of disagreement between the Arts and Education provisions contained in S. 1513 and H.R. 6. As you may remember, at the request of Very Special Arts, the Senate incorporated several changes in the legislation prior to the full committee mark-up. I am writing to you at this time to state Very Special Arts strong support for the Senate version of Arts and Education and to ask for your help during the conference on this legislation.

During House consideration of H.R. 6 I met with staff and forwarded to them our requested changes. In particular, Congressman Engel offered support for the provisions but said he was unable to be their champion because of his work on the Community Arts Partnership bill. Tom Kelly of Congressman Kildee’s staff told me on several occasions that the provisions would be included in H.R. 6 but somehow it never came to pass. In meetings with staff, (Chris Gilbert, Sherry Kaiman, Diane Stark, Sara Davis) questions were raised about the insertions of the name “Very Special Arts” in several places but no real objections were raised. In most instances I was referred to Engel’s staff and Tom Kelly.

The most important items for Very Special Arts are the appropriations language and a rewrite of the description of Very Special Arts programs to clarify the importance of mainstream settings. With authorization for the Community Arts Partnership, a new initiative which we support, it is clear that pressure for funding other arts organizations will increase in the future. In the Senate bill a hold harmless at the FY 1994 funding level was included for Very Special Arts and the John F. Kennedy Center programs. We are asking that this hold harmless clause be retained in the final conference agreement. Thanks for your help and please let me know
if you need more information.
### COMPARISON OF SENATE & HOUSE VERSIONS - ESEA
#### ARTS IN EDUCATION

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Institute for Museum Services
Kennedy Center
VSA
National Gallery of Art

supporting model projects & programs in the performing arts through the Kennedy Center

supporting model projects & programs developed by VSA which assure the participation in mainstream settings in arts & educ. programs of persons of all ages with disabilities

supporting model projects & programs to integrate arts educ. into the regular elem. & sec. school curriculum

and other activities that further the purposes of this part

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supporting model projects & programs in the performing arts through the Kennedy Center

supporting model projects through arrangements with VSA

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Coordination

Recipients of funds coordinate, to extent possible with:

public & private cultural agencies

institutions and organizations including museums, arts educ. associations libraries & theaters

Special Rule: Sec. shall coordinate with

NEA

Institute of Museum Services

Kennedy Center

VSA

Nat'l. Gallery of Art

Authorization

$11 million for FY 95
Sums necessary for 4 succeeding fiscal years

Special Rule: If amount is $9 million or less - money can only be used for Kennedy Center and VSA

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Sums necessary for FY 96, 97, 98, 99