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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6300

April 15, 1991

The Honorable Matthew J. Smith  
State Court Administrator  
Supreme Court of Rhode Island  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Matt:

It is a pleasure to endorse your grant proposal submitted to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Enclosed, please find a copy of the letter I have sent to Mr. Gerald George, Executive Director of the NHPRC.

I wish you the best of luck securing a Federal grant for this important project. If there is anything else I can do for you, do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmest regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6300

April 12, 1991

Mr. Gerald George  
Executive Director  
National Historical Publications  
and Records Commission  
National Archives Building  
Washington, DC 20408

Dear Mr. George:

It has come to my attention that the Rhode Island Supreme Court has applied for a two year grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to continue the Rhode Island Historical Court Records Project. I would like to express my strong support for this project and urge NHPRC to give it every consideration.

In December of 1990, the Supreme Court records were surveyed by a professional conservator who made several conservation recommendations. These included 1) flat filing in archival folders, 2) phase boxing of records with damaged bindings, and 3) storage of oversized manuscripts in appropriate archival containers. A grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission would provide the funds necessary to implement these important suggestions.

It is imperative that the Rhode Island Supreme Court maintain accurate records of its official business and ensure accessibility to researchers. For this reason, I strongly support the Supreme Court's grant proposal and look forward to a positive funding decision.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education,  
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