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Dear Al:  

Many thanks for your very thoughtful letter about the Institute of Museum Services. I was disappointed that you were not successful in this year's competition for a General Operating Support Grant.

You have raised some very valid points about the Institute's review procedures which I intend to pursue with the IMS staff. It does seem a bit arbitrary to cut off the number of grants at a specified point and thereby eliminate highly qualified institutions such as your own from receiving any support at all.

As you know, the Institute is in a transition period right now as it awaits the confirmation of Daphne Murray as the new Director. Her nomination hearing will give me an opportunity to raise some of these points which I intend to follow-up on closely as she settles into her job. There are issues here that should begin to be addressed before reauthorization gets under way.

I appreciate the time and effort you spent in preparing this letter. It is really very helpful. I am just sorry your efforts in regard to the GOS grant have come to naught.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
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