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Mr. Michael Ducharme
Ms. Simone P. Joyaux
Trinity Square Repertory Company
201 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Ducharme and Ms. Joyaux:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to the funding level for the National Endowment for the Arts in Fiscal Year 1982.

I have been in touch with members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to urge that the appropriation for the Arts Endowment be held at the level authorized in the Budget Reconciliation Act. Unfortunately, the President has now proposed that these funds be reduced by another 12% which would lower the total to $77.4 million.

I opposed the cutbacks which were made earlier this year and I shall very definitely oppose any additional reductions. Such cuts, I believe, would have a devastating effect on the ability of many cultural organizations to continue operating.

I very much appreciate knowing your views and will be sure to keep them in mind as further decisions on this budget are made.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Caliborne Pell