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Dear Dr. Debicki:

I just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your participation in the recent Subcommittee hearing on the reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

I thought the hearing went exceptionally well and I found the testimony to be very informative and helpful.

Because of the shortage of time at the hearing, I was unable to ask you the following questions. I would appreciate it very much if you would reply in writing at your earliest convenience so that we can complete the hearing record.

1. Your written testimony referred to the lack of incentives to study a foreign language in the United States. Do you foresee any possible solutions to this problem? How might the NEH assist in efforts to remedy this situation?

2. In regard to the controversy over restrictive language, I wonder if you sense any kind of "chilling effect" carrying over into the humanities communities?

With warm regards and appreciation for your testimony,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities