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Dear Senator Hatch:

Among the persons recently nominated by President Reagan for membership on the National Council on the Humanities is Ms. Kathleen S. Kilpatrick. I am writing to endorse most warmly this excellent nomination. I have long been concerned and involved with the National Endowment for the Humanities, which the Council oversees, not only as a frequent consultant asked to evaluate project applications but also as a panelist in Washington and as an active participant in some of the NEH programs (such as the Summer Seminars for Teachers, which I have twice served in as a Director). The future of the National Council on the Humanities and the programs it oversees is of great importance to me, and for that reason I am especially delighted that Ms. Kilpatrick has been nominated to serve on the Council. She is eminently well qualified for this important position. Over the past four years as Publisher of the Yale Literary Magazine she has overseen the transformation of that publication from a troubled and rapidly sinking local campus periodical to a world-class magazine of major consequence. Her devotion to her task and effective leadership have resulted in a magazine which has enriched our community and the intellectual community at large with a serious, thoughtful, and provocative publication. In my professional contacts with her, moreover, I have always found her both gracious and constructive. She will bring to the Council sanity, originality, and a cooperative spirit.

Most sincerely yours,

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cc: Members, Committee on Labor and Human Resources