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July 22, 1988

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

To aid you and your staff as you go to conference on the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I have attached "Effects Statements" on two language provisions that are of concern to the Institute of Museum Services.

We strongly oppose the first provision, which would seriously undermine the philosophy of our competitive grant process by setting minimums for each state. The second provision, regarding the maximum compensation level for IMS employees, should be deleted as a technical adjustment since it has no practical effect.

If you have any questions regarding either provisions, please feel free to call Theresa Michel, IMS Congressional Liaison, at 786-0536.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lois B. Shepard

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Director