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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell,

I understand that mark-up of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), S. 1513, the "Improving America's Schools Act of 1994," will occur in the Senate Labor and Human Resources Subcommittee in the immediate future. I urge you to support the "Community Arts Partnership Act" during this reauthorization.

As you know, Secretary Riley has recently included the arts in the National Education Goals, a recognition that is long-over due. The House included the Community Arts Partnership Act in its version of the bill (H.R. 6). This amendment will help school districts to bring together other community cultural resources to provide and improve arts programs for at-risk children and youth.

In asking for your support, I speak as the leader of Parsons School of Design, one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive design schools, and on behalf of AICAD, which represents nearly all accredited independent art and design schools in the nation. We have no direct stake in this legislation, but we care deeply about the arts and their role in our nation's economy and culture.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Olton
President