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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 24, 1979

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts
and Humanities
325 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you will shortly be marking up S. 1386, a bill to amend the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965, I would like you to be aware of some concerns of the Delaware Humanities Council.

Of particular concern to the Council is language in S. 104, the bill proposed by the Administration which would alter the formula for distribution of funds to the states from a 75:25 bloc discretionary ratio to a 50:50 bloc/discretionary ratio. This change is a very disturbing one for a small state such as Delaware. The Council's other major interest is in preserving the present language which allows for privately operated Humanities councils as opposed to the language in S. 1386 which mandates control of the councils by State governments.

I appreciate your attention to the Council's views on the legislation.

Sincerely,



William V. Roth, Jr.
U. S. Senate

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