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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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