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Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy  
Governor of Rhode Island  
The State House  
Providence, Rhode Island  02901  

Dear Joe:  

It has come to my attention that nominations for a number of vacant positions on the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts will be made in the next few weeks.  

As you consider these appointments, I hope you will take into account the fact that the artist's community in Rhode Island has not had as full a representation on the Council as I feel they should have. I really believe that working artists, who are crucial contributors to our State's cultural life, should make up a significant part of the broad-based commission.  

Perhaps the ideal mix would be to have a third of the twelve members being artists (or their representatives) drawn from Rhode Island's diverse and expanding artistic community. By working in concert with the other commissioners who represent educational, civic, and professional groups connected with the arts, these persons would give a needed boost to the vitality and creativity of the Council's programs and leadership.  

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.  

Warm regards.  

Ever sincerely,  

Claiborne Pell