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Mr. Jeffrey Blydenburgh  
CUTIART  
189 Mathewson Street  
Room 5  
Providence, Rhode Island  02903

Dear Jeff:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that Senator Pell has sent to Governor Garrahy in regard to the memberships on the governing commission of the State Council on the Arts.

He realizes the letter may be a bit late but wants to let his thoughts on the subject be known nevertheless. I have apprised him of the situation and will try to arrange a meeting so that you can discuss this and other issues with him personally.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Alexander D. Crary  
Professional Staff Member  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities

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

Dear Joe:

It has come to my attention that you will soon be making nominations for a number of vacant positions on the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

I would like to suggest that you give consideration to allotting more significant representation on the Council to working artists than they have previously had. I really believe that working artists, who are crucial contributors to our State's cultural life, should make up a greater part of the broad-based Council.

Perhaps an ideal goal would be to have members of Rhode Island's diverse and expanding artistic community comprise a third of the twelve members. By working in concert with the other commissioners who represent educational, civic, and professional groups connected with the arts, these artists would add to the vitality and creativity of the Council's programs and leadership.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell