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August 17, 1984

Mrs. Forrest E. Mars, Jr.
702 Belgrove Road
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Mrs. Mars:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to the 1985 funding level for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The House of Representatives has already approved a 1985 arts budget that is \$7.7 million over the 1984 level. The Senate is expected to take action soon after it reconvenes in September.

As you know, the health and vitality of our cultural agencies has been of very special concern to me ever since I authored the legislation that established them in 1965. I will certainly do everything I can to obtain funding levels that are as high as possible.

I very much appreciate the fact that you have written me on this important issue and am delighted to know of your support for a strong Arts Endowment.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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