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COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 9, 1987

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

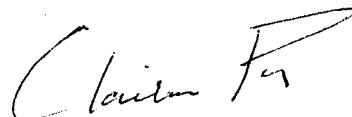
As you know I have been a strong advocate of the Institute of Museum Services since I helped establish it in the mid-1970's. I want you to know how pleased I am that your Administration has requested funding for the Institute in FY 1988. This acknowledgement of the Institute's important role in the support of our nation's museums is heartening indeed.

I am writing you, however, in regard to the Museum Services Board, the body which guides the policies and activities of the Institute. I am concerned that some of the recent appointments to the Board have not been individuals with the strong professional museum credentials that are needed to make this a truly effective body. Should this trend continue the Board will be made up largely of patrons and "friends" who are simply not as well qualified as museum professionals to make the informed decisions required of them.

I respectfully urge you to consider the appointment of individuals from the large pool of distinguished museum professionals who can offer their depth of experience and knowledge of museum operations to the important proceedings of the Museum Services Board.

With regard and respect I am,

Ever sincerely,



Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts & Humanities