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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
U.S. Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Throughout the past year, I and many others who were actively concerned about the future of the arts in this country and the relationship between government and the arts, wrote and spoke with you about the reauthorization of the National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities Act that was just approved by the Congress. I want to personally thank you for your time, interest, and your vote in support of the final bill.

The final bill, although not perfect from my perspective, is better than many of us thought possible. We all hope that you and your colleagues take pride in this legislative language and will help us fend off the attacks of small minority views and efforts to insert unconstitutional restrictions on the grant-making process.

I also wish to thank you for your support for the new arts education initiative in the language. This is a major breakthrough and, if supported with appropriations, will have a major impact on our youth and our country.

Sincerely,

Fred Lazarus, IV
President