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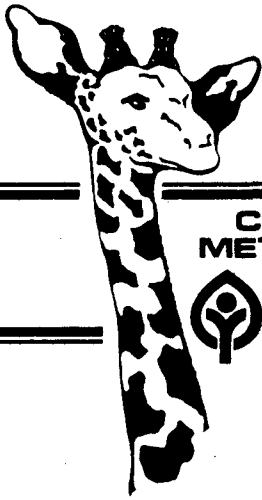
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March 30, 1990

Mr. Anthony Vecchio  
Director  
Roger Williams Zoo  
Roger Williams Park  
Providence, Rhode Island 02905

Dear Tony:

I happened to be in Washington, D. C. last week during the Appropriations Hearing regarding IMS-GOS grants. Although I was not at the Hearings themselves, the staff of IMS approached me in regards to a matter that is of some concern to both them and all of us in the zoo profession. It's a matter about which we may be able to solicit some help from you as Director of the Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island.

It appears that Senator Clayborne Pell feels that IMS-GOS Grants should only go to museums/and or institutions that are accredited by the American Association of Museums. As you are probably aware, very few zoos are accredited by the AAM. Also, most planetariums, nature centers and perhaps many smaller museums would then not be eligible for IMS-GOS funds.

I am sure you are aware of the importance of IMS-GOS funds to our zoos and aquariums as every year approximately 20-25 of our institutions receive substantial funds through this granting source. It is one of the only federal government granting sources available to our profession.

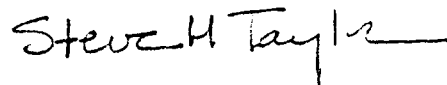
Tony, if you could write a letter or contact your senator on behalf of zoos stating that you have heard about his concern but would hope that he would keep IMS-GOS funds available to zoos and aquariums by not demanding that they be members of AAM. You might try contacting him personally or speaking to his senior staff member, Sandy Creary. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact myself or the staff of IMS. At IMS, contact Rebecca Danvers (202) 786-0539, as she is very aware of this situation.

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I would appreciate anything you can do in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve H. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a horizontal flourish at the end.

Steve H. Taylor  
Zoo Director

ST/ms  
cc - Robert O. Wagner  
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