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James F. Venings Executive Director December 10, 1979

The Honorable Claiborne Pell United States Senate 325 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

I believe that Betsy McCreight, President of the Federation of Public Programs in the Humanities, has written to you concerning suggestions of the Executive Committee of the Federation relative to reauthorizing legislation affecting the state humanities program.

If these suggestions, which are design to ensure continuity and a smooth transition in those states opting for state agency status for the state humanities program, can be incorporated into S.1386, this bill will have the support of the Texas Committee for the Humanities. Further, in my capacity as a member of the Executive Committee of the Federation, I will be pleased to convey to other state humanities councils the reasons for our support.

The suggestions made, however, are extremely important ones to those of us involved in this endeavor and, in order for the legislation to be accepted with unanimity, I urge their incorporation into the legislation.

We are most grateful to you for your leadership in this area.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Veninga Executive Director