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FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY 1501 MONTGOMERY STREET FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107 817-732-1631

July 2, 1973

The Honorable Claiborne Pell, Chairman Special Subcommittee on Arts and Humanities Room 4230, U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

I would very much like to attend the upcoming hearings before your Special Subcommittee on Arts, Humanities, National Museum Act, and proposed Bill \$796, because of my firm belief that museums need additional assistance from the federal level to survive and that most individuals do not fully understand what museums are capable of providing for the nation. I would like the opportunity of at least attending these hearings. The NEA, NEH, and NMA have done much during their short tenure to enable museums to do a better job for the public they serve and definitely need support.

I have enclosed a statistical breakdown of what this museum is attempting for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. As you can see from this material the budget is small and there are no funds for acquisition or building improvements. If you would like to use this information, please feel free to do so. If I can assist in any way, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Helmuth J. Naumer Executive Director

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