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Claiborne Pell
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 21510

Dear Senator Pell:

Having reviewed Edward Curran's credentials and background, I am most apprehensive about his nomination for the position of Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. I know that you have already received letters from colleagues in the Humanities and I want to add my voice to theirs in an expression of concern for the future of the NEH. We understand that the hearing for the nomination is scheduled for October 2nd and I hope that this letter reaches you in time.

I would very much appreciate your careful scrutiny of Mr. Curran's background and qualifications and your pointed questioning during the hearing concerning his understanding of the purpose and functioning of the NEH and his plans for that organization. The quality of humanities education in this country will determine the next generation's ability to deal with the human problems that face us in the 21st century. Your role in this decision will be a key factor in determining the quality of that education for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Sue Huseman