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July 23, 1979

Betsy K. Mc Creight Vice Chair Federation Executive Committee Federation of Public Programs in the Humanities 15 South 5th Street, Suite 720 Minneapolis, Minn. 55402

Dear Betsy,

The Missouri Committee for the Humanities is in favor of the present funding formula based on population. We are opposed to any change which would give NEH authority to judge the quality of state programs. would in our opinion be very disruptive of the relationship between NEH and state humanities committees. Further it would work to lessen the freedom granted in the 1976 legislation. This would be a step backwards. We are also opposed to any formula which provides increases to states based upon the state obtaining funds from the state legislature or from any other source. Practically these states able to raise additional cash from non-federal sources should need less federal tax dollars not more. We feel that this may also be a back door approach to turning the committees into state agencies.

On procedure, we would suggest that the Federation Executive Committee poll the membership by mail ballot before announcing a Federation position to Congress.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Walrond **Executive Director**

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