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Senator Claiborne Pell
U.S. Senate (RI)
Washington, DC 21510

Dear Senator Pell:

I am writing concerning the proposed nomination of Mr. Edward Curran as chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. As one who has devoted a life to promoting the Humanities in America both by teaching and supervising in the Humanities, I am appalled by this possible appointment. The fact sheet that I was sent on Edward Curran gives absolutely no indication that he has any background in the Humanities. In fact I can honestly say I would not consider him for an appointment in my own department.

I urge you and your colleagues to seriously reconsider this appointment. The future of the Humanities in America requires someone with outstanding qualifications and vision.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
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