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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

February 26, 1980

The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your letter of support for the proposed television series "Made in USA."

The proposal, which came before the National Council for the Humanities last week had some problems which needed to be addressed. The sizeable budget projected for the series at once raised questions for some reviewers and mandated caution as the project proceeds, to ensure that public monies be spent wisely. The National Council on the Humanities voted to fund production of a single script, reserving judgement on the larger proposal until the first videotape could be evaluated. While I cannot predict the result of the single videotape, I do want to assure you that serious effort is being made to support the idea of a television series on American labor history. I'm sure we both want the high quality the subject deserves.

Thank you for your interest, and I join you in looking forward to the completed quality series.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Duffey
Chairman