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July 18, 1984

Ms. Annalee M. Bundy  
Director  
Providence Public Library  
150 Empire Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Bundy:

Thank you very much for your letter and for telling me of the Library's application to the Challenge Grant Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

I am delighted to know of your grant request and have taken the liberty of writing to Chairman Bennett at the Endowment to express my support for it. A copy of my letter to him is enclosed for your own records.

As soon as I hear anything further from the Endowment I will be back in touch with you.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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July 18, 1984

The Honorable William J. Bennett  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Providence Public Library in Providence, Rhode Island has an application pending with the Challenge Grant Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant request is for \$1 million.

The funds are being sought to carry out long-needed renovations on the three-building complex at the Central Library in Providence. The first phase of this important project will cost \$6 million with the non-federal monies coming from a combination of state, city and private sources.

The Providence Public Library, founded in 1878, is the leading library in the State of Rhode Island with over 70% of the collection being in the humanities field. These items are an especially important resource for the State's academic and research communities. The renovation project will bring the old structures up to modern standards and provide for future expansion.

I am strongly supportive of the Library's Challenge Grant request and hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on it.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

July 26, 1984

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

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting the application that we have received from the Providence Public Library in Providence, Rhode Island.

The application is being reviewed in our Office of Challenge Grants, and final action is anticipated at the November 1984 meeting of the National Council on the Humanities. We will give it careful review and consideration.

As soon as possible after the meeting of the Council we will be sending you a listing of all awards made in Rhode Island to aid in any follow-up communication that you might want to have with your constituents.

Your interest in the work of the Endowment is appreciated. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Bennett".

William J. Bennett  
Chairman