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July 5, 1984

Ms. Iona B. Dobbins
Executive Director
Rhode Island State Council
on the Arts
312 Wickenden Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Dobbins:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to the FY 1985 funding level for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Senator Stafford and I have recommended to the Senate Budget Committee that the Arts Endowment be funded at \$178 million for the coming year. This figure represents a reasonable increase over the 1984 level of \$162. The House Appropriations Committee last week agreed on a figure of \$178 million while the Senate has yet to take any official action.

I appreciate the fact that you have written me on this important issue. As you know, the health and vitality of the National Endowment for the Arts is of very special concern to me and I will certainly do everything I can to obtain as high a budget as possible.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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