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Ms. Phyllis Franklin  
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Dear Phyllis:

Thank you very much for your letter written on behalf of the Modern Language Association in opposition to Carol Iannone’s nomination to the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Because I have the very highest regard for the Modern Language Association and the other organizations that oppose Ms. Iannone’s confirmation, I am taking a very careful look at the situation before proceeding further. As you know, this nomination has triggered an outpouring of feelings on both sides of the debate.

I appreciate your taking the time to write me on this issue. The quality of members of the National Council on the Humanities has long been a concern of mine and the views of the Modern Language Association in this regard are indeed most welcome.

With warm personal regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities