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## Museum Services Act (1973): Correspondence 26

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98 Cindyann Drive  
East Greenwich, Rhode Island  
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The Honorable  
Claiborne Pell  
418 Federal Building  
Providence, Rhode Island

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Dear Senator Pell:

I am interested in knowing the status of the Highway Bill that was approved by the Senate Public Works Committee on March 1, 1973. The section of the Bill that deals with use of Federal funds for the construction of bicycle paths is of particular interest to me.

In this regard I am writing an article that hopefully will be published in "Speaking Out" in the Providence Sunday Journal. My desire is that Rhode Island will become the first state in the nation to have an integrated system of bicycle paths. The unique size of our state allows a bicyclist under proper conditions to bicycle the length and width of the state in a day's travel. Surely this alone is an alluring prospect for a pilot project of state wide bicycle paths.

The benefits to the people of Rhode Island are manifold. Not only will Rhode Island become a model for safe bicycling but industries allied to Rhode Island tourist trade will have a potential goldmine of possibilities to explore from sidewalk restaurants to possibly a New England version of the Tour de France.

I welcome any comments and suggestions you may have in regard to the Highway Bill and the particular section that deals with bicycling.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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