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Ms. Janice Quinter  
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Dear Ms. Quinter:

Thank you very much for your recent letter.

To my knowledge there is no specific Federal legislation that requires museums to create programs for the elderly. The Institute of Museum Services, however, is free to sponsor programs of its own in this area if it wishes to.

My suggestion is to write to the Director of the Institute to find out what is being done in the museum community to encourage programs for the elderly. Mrs. Lee Kimche is the Director, and she can be reached at the Institute of Museum Services, Department of Education, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202.

There is also a Senate Subcommittee on Aging which is chaired by Senator Eagleton of Missouri. If you wish to contact this office, the address is Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 6222, Washington, DC 20510.

I very much appreciate hearing from you and hope that this information will be of assistance to you in your research.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities

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