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The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts,  
and Humanities

SR-335  
Washington, DC 20510-3901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that President Bush has submitted Robert Breunig, PhD., for nomination to the National Museum Services Board. Dr. Breunig is a resident of Arizona and he has served in varying capacities with many of the nationally recognized museums in our State. His nomination to this distinguished Board is a much deserved honor for Dr. Breunig as well as Arizona.

Robert's career in museum work began at the early age of thirteen, with the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Over the past twenty years, his career experience has been diverse and includes work in a variety of museums including a university museum, two anthropology museums, a regional natural history museum, and today, a living museum of desert plants.

Through the course of his career he has seen, firsthand, the role of museums in preserving our nation's cultural and natural heritage. His work at the Museum of Northern Arizona, in Flagstaff, Arizona, The Heard Museum, in Phoenix, Arizona, further illustrates his commitment to the importance of museums in our nation in helping to understand our diverse backgrounds, our common traditions, and our place in the natural world.

As an active leader within the museum community in the southwest, he is a founder and past President of the Museum Association of Arizona, a Program Committee member for the Western Museums Conference, and a Visiting Committee member on behalf of the American Association of Museums Accreditation Commission. Additionally, he has been active on a national level with the ongoing growth and development of museums. He has served as a member of the Institute of Museum Services on their grant review panel.

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Robert has been the Executive Director of the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona, since November 1985. During this time the Garden has undergone a great many changes. Its physical site has been improved and enlarged, and the scope of the educational programs and community outreach has been expanded. Our community is located in a very unique and rare environment, the Sonoran Desert. The Desert Botanical Garden through all of its programs have taken major steps in enlightening and educating residents on how they can coexist in this environment without destroying its delicate balance. His work through the Desert Botanical Garden, with community leaders in Phoenix, has influenced the city's approach to its environment and is an outstanding role model to all museums.

Robert is dedicated to the preservation of our nation's cultural and natural heritage. His body of work to date is a tribute to his hard work and beliefs. I strongly encourage you to give Dr. Robert Breunig's appointment to the National Museum Services Board every consideration. I have no doubt that his contributions would serve the Board well.

Sincerely,



DENNIS DeCONCINI  
United States Senator

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cc Senator Edward Kennedy  
Senator Nancy Kassebaum