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July 6, 1983

Mr. Bruce G. Sundium  
President  
Providence Performing Arts Center  
229 Wayseasset Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Bruce:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to  
the 1984 appropriations for the Federal arts and humanities  
programs.

The House of Representatives, in approving increases of  
approximately 15% over 1983 levels, has clearly indicated how  
crucial government support for culture has become. It is a  
great personal satisfaction to know that the arts and the  
impact they have on our national life have been endorsed so  
e mphatically.

You can be certain that I will do all I can to sustain  
such positive funding levels in the Senate. The Senate  
Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior has tentatively  
agreed to begin consideration of these budgets on July 15th.

Thank you again for writing me. I appreciate knowing  
your views and will be sure to keep them in mind as we take  
up this important issue in the Senate.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell