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Ms. Catherine R. Stimpson
54 Seventh Avenue South
New York, New York 10014

Dear Ms. Stimpson:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for your comments on the pending list of nominees to the National Council on the Humanities.

I share your concern about the credentials and stature of some of the current candidates for these important positions. Individuals who are informed, thoughtful and of some distinction in the humanities are essential for this unique public agency to function properly.

In this regard I am discussing with my colleagues on the Labor and Human Resources Committee the possibility of holding a hearing on these nominations. I very much appreciate knowing your thoughts on the matter and will keep them in mind as the situation develops.

Yours very sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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