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October 12, 1979

Honorable Livingston L. Biddle  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Arts  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Rhode Island School of Design has recently applied to the National Endowment for the Arts for support of a museum exhibition of works by contemporary ceramists. The application has been made to the Crafts Exhibition category of the Visual Arts Program.

This major exhibition will not only benefit the Rhode Island School of Design community, but will also introduce the museum public of southeastern New England to work by America's finest crafts people and the wonderful esthetic possibilities of clay.

I am pleased to add my own strong personal support to this grant request and sincerely hope that the Endowment will find this exhibition at one of our most vital cultural institutions worthy of assistance.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education,  
Arts, and Humanities

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