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Honorable Joseph Duffey
Chairman
National Endowment for the Humanities
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the University of Rhode Island has recently submitted an application to the General Research Program at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This proposal seeks to gain Endowment support for a two-year research effort leading eventually to the writing of a history of the State of Rhode Island in the twentieth century. The first phase of the project will be an intense research period of the years 1900-1941 with special stress focused on the state's political, economic and social history.

The project, under the direction of Professor James Findlay, is an important one which will ultimately be of great interest to a wide academic and general readership. I have a strong desire to see this study carried out and hope that, after careful consideration, the Endowment will act favorably on the grant request.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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