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Mr. Craig T. Coonrad
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Dear Mr. Coonrad:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for letting me know of your interest in the bills H.R. 501, introduced by Congressmen Gephardt and Conable and S. 170, introduced by Senators Moynihan and Packwood.

These bills, as you know, would allow a charitable contributions deduction for those people who do not itemize on their tax returns. I intend to study these proposals carefully and will be sure to note your interest in them as I do so. It is certainly true that new and creative ways must be found to raise funds for the arts from the private sector.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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