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Honorable Claiborne Pell United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Many thanks for your letter on behalf of Heritage Playhouse Productions, which had applied to the Endowment under the Professional Theater Companies category of the Theater Program.

The proposal was reviewed earlier this Spring by the Theater Advisory Panel, whose recommendations were brought before the May meeting of the National Council on the Arts. Funding decisions were very difficult to make, because the the requests for assistance substantially exceeded the amount of funding available for this category. Heritage Playhouse Productions' proposal was very carefully considered, but I regret that it was not among those finally recommended for assistance. Certainly, we hope your constituents will be able to locate other sources of funding.

Should officials at Heritage/Playhouse Productions wish further information on the review of their proposal, they should not he sitate to contact our Theater Program directly. Ed Martenson, the Director of the Program, will be delighted to speak with them.

Thank you, again, for writing. We welcome your continuing interest in the Endowment.

Sincerely,

F. S. M. Hodsoll Chairman

Frank Hodsell