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Ms. Dominique Alexander
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Dear Ms. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for your comments on behalf of government support for the arts.

I am proud of the role I have played in helping develop programs in the arts and humanities during the eleven years that I served as Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on the Arts and Humanities. As you have stated so eloquently, the arts programs have had an undeniably significant impact on the quality of our national life.

There are indications that the President's request for further cuts in these programs will not be approved by the Congress for fiscal year 1984. In fact, I am joining with my Subcommittee colleagues in recommending a small increase in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts next year, for a total of $149 million.

You may be sure that I will do all I can to see that these unique and vital programs remain strong. Thank you again for writing me.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell