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Mr. and Mrs. William Lindsay
Box 5805 Rt. 51
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in regard to President Reagan's proposed cuts in the budget of the National Endowment for the Arts.

If the Reagan recommendations be fully adopted, the federal grant that goes each year to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts would be substantially reduced although not eliminated. This grant is currently about $355,000 and under the Reagan proposal it would be reduced to about $200,000. This move would severely restrict the valuable programs that the State Council is now carrying out in Rhode Island.

I am strongly opposed to the severe cuts that the Reagan administration has set forth because of the drastic effect they would have on arts programs in Rhode Island and on such vital cultural institutions as the Westerly Center for the Arts.

Thank you again for writing me. I certainly appreciate knowing your views and will be sure to keep them in mind as we consider legislative action in this area.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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