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**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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THE CHAIRMAN

August 16, 1979

Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you for bringing to my attention your support for the Woonsocket Rhode Island Historical Society's plans to conduct a feasibility study.

The Endowment's Museums Program staff has completed review of the Society's preliminary proposal, and has found that the project, as described, is not eligible for NEH funding support. While the Society's project addresses feasibility issues which are recognized as necessary and valuable to the Society, it lacks interpretive humanities content.

The Society has been advised of this finding by Cheryl McClenney, Assistant Director, Division of Public Programs, who encouraged the Society to contact the Endowment when it reaches the stage of planning for interpretive humanities exhibits or programming.

Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Endowment. If I may be of assistance in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Duffey".

Joseph Duffey  
Chairman