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April 9, 1979

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

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your eloquent letter of March 16, 1979, on behalf of the Foundation for Repertory Theatre of Rhode Island, which has made application to the National Endowment for the Arts for a Challenge Grant.

We are delighted to know of your support for the Foundation and I am pleased to have your letter on their behalf. Following careful review by the appropriate Advisory Panel, the Foundation's proposal will be considered by the National Council on the Arts at their meeting in May. Because the Challenge Grants will be funded from the Endowment's Fiscal Year 1980 appropriation, we do not anticipate being able to release the results of the Council meeting until approximately mid-September. The Foundation will be notified as soon as possible following the Council meeting of the decision reached on their proposal, and we will, of course, be pleased to notify your office, as well.

Thank you for contacting the National Endowment for the Arts. We appreciate your interest in our programs, and I assure you that the Foundation for Repertory Theatre of Rhode Island's application is receiving our best attention.

Sincerely,

Livingston Biddle

Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.
Chairman

copy - sent to

Stephen Harris

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