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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regard to the professional abilities of Mr. John B. Lyons, who is currently Director of the Office of Planning and Evaluation at the National Center for Education Statistics.

I became acquainted with the high caliber of Mr. Lyons' work, however, during his tenure as Acting Director of the Institute of Museum Services in 1981. I was the chief Senate sponsor of the legislation that established this Institute and have maintained a strong interest in it ever since.

At the Institute, Mr. Lyons had responsibility for a nationwide grant program that provides basic operating support to museums. He was adept at formulating and executing the agency's budget and coordinated policy and administration with professional skill.

I have every confidence in Mr. Lyons' abilities and can recommend him with enthusiasm.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell