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Chris - did this letter go -
corrected?

July 16, 1979

Mr. John W. Orton
Executive Director
Project Dance, R.I.
220 Weybosset Street
Providence, RI 02902

Dear Mr. Orton:

yes
I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you, your Board of Directors, and your dedicated staff, for the very fine work being done by "Project Dance R.I." As Rhode Island's only dance service organization, your firm commitment to the growth and upgrading of the quality of dance in Rhode Island is one I am both proud and supportive of.

As Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities, I am particularly pleased to see an increasing awareness and recognition of the dance companies and artists performing here in Rhode Island. In addition, I am delighted to note that the National Endowment for the Arts, an agency I work very closely with, has had a hand in bringing quality dance groups to the State through its Dance Touring Program.

As the coordinating organization for many of Rhode Island's dance activities, "Project Dance R.I." is providing an essential function which I highly commend. I look forward to the development of a strong and prospering dance movement in Rhode Island.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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