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May 22, 1978

Ms. Barbaralee Diamonstein
Four East 70th Street
New York, New York 10021

Dear Ms. Diamonstein:

Thank you for your letter with the description of your new project dealing with recycling old buildings.

One recycling effort with which I am involved here in Washington is the proposed Museum of the Building Arts which would occupy the historic old U.S. Pension Building. I have co-sponsored a bill that would allow this architecturally important building to be renovated for use as a national showcase for building arts exhibitions. An extensive library and archives would be part of the building as well.

I would suggest that you contact Dr. Cynthia Field, who is President of the Committee for a National Museum of the Building Arts, to learn more about the Pension Building and its proposed renovation. Dr. Field can be reached at 1800 M Street, Suite 400, South, Washington, DC 20036.

With best wishes for success in your new venture.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education,
Arts, and Humanities

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