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May 10, 1979

Honorable Senator Claiborne Pell
418 Federal Building
Providence, R.I. 02903

Dear Senator Pell:

We wish to inform you of the difficulties we have been having in participating in the RISCA, Community Arts Program. Said resources are so restrictive that our agency has been unable to benefit from this invaluable concept.

Currently the guidelines dictates that community agencies must provide matching, supportative cash dollars for eligibility. Based on this criteria, our agency had to cancel our art projects for the last three years. Therefore, in reality the opportunities for the children involved in the South Providence Tutorial program, to participate in beneficial art programs in not an actuality.

We urge you to reconsider the restrictive guidelines by allowing for the practicality of " in-kind services" as a substitution for " actual cash dollars ". This revision will enable our and other community-based organizations to limited cash flow to provide a wider variety of resources to our clients.

Sincerely,

Malvene Brice

Malvene Brice
Executive Director

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