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May 9, 1978

Honorable J. Joseph Garrahy
Governor of Rhode Island
The State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02901

Dear Joe:

It has come to my attention that you will soon be making nominations for a number of vacant positions on the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

I would like to suggest that you give consideration to allotting more significant representation on the Council to working artists than they have previously had. I really believe that working artists, who are crucial contributors to our State's cultural life, should make up a greater part of the broad-based Council.

Perhaps an ideal goal would be to have members of Rhode Island's diverse and expanding artistic community comprise a third of the twelve members. By working in concert with the other commissioners who represent educational, civic, and professional groups connected with the arts, these artists would add to the vitality and creativity of the Council's programs and leadership.

With warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Glaiberne Pell

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