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February 9, 1979

Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 1979 on behalf of Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, which has made application to the National Endowment for the Arts for a Challenge Grant.

We are delighted to know of your support for Jacob's Pillow, and I am pleased to have your letter on their behalf. Following careful review by the appropriate Advisory Panel, their proposal will be considered by the National Council on the Arts at their meeting in May. Because the Challenge Grants will be funded from the Endowment's Fiscal Year 1980 appropriation, we do not anticipate being able to release the results of the Council meeting until approximately mid-September. Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival will be notified as soon as possible following the Council meeting of the decision reached on their proposal, and we will be pleased to notify your office, as well.

Thank you for contacting the National Endowment for the Arts. We appreciate your interest in our programs, and I assure you that Jacob's Pillow's application is receiving careful attention.

Sincerely,

Livingston L. Biddle, Jr.
Chairman