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Honorable Joseph D. Duffey  
Chairman  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Washington, DC 20506  

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It has come to my attention that the Rhode Island Historical Society currently has three grant applications pending before the Humanities Endowment. They are Grant No. H31325 in the Division of Research Grants for a project to inventory Rhode Island newspapers, Grant No. H31427 in the Division of Museums and Historical Organizations for a study on the effectiveness of future exhibitions, and a challenge grant to match new funds raised by the Society over the next two and one half years.

The Society is undergoing an exciting expansion both in programs and in exhibition space due in large part to the recent acquisition of Aldrich House. This historic house will feature special changing exhibitions on all aspects of Rhode Island's past.

I strongly support each of the Society's grant applications and urge the Endowment to take favorable action on them.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts, and Humanities

Enclosure