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Dear Ms. Samson:

Thank you very much for contacting me in regard to the amendment offered by Senator Helms to the Interior Appropriations Conference Report.

As you may know, the Senate voted 73 to 25 last week to table the Helms amendment. I joined in the effort to defeat the amendment which I believe was the appropriate action in light of the numerous reforms that were established in the NEA reauthorization legislation last year.

I am enclosing a copy of the statement I made on the Senate floor during debate on the Helms proposal.

I very much appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Education, Arts & Humanities
Once again there will be critical votes that may effect the National Endowment for the Arts. As a Board member of Playwrights Horizons I alert you to the following and hope you will support the conference report.

Thank you.