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Honorable Cecil D. Andrus  
Secretary of the Interior  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240  

Dear Secretary Andrus:

I understand my fellow Rhode Islander, John Hoare Kerr, Director of Education at the National Endowment for the Arts, has applied for a position in the area of heritage conservation and recreation.

I have known John's outstanding work as an innovative administrator for many years, and he has accomplished much with the Arts Endowment on a limited budget. Under the Endowment's "5-year-and-Out" plan for its senior program staff, John has immediate availability, having served already about a decade in his present post under three successive Chairmen of the Endowment. His work has been highly regarded by all who have worked with him. The attached resume will give you an excellent review of his background in the cultural, museum, and historic preservation area. He has accomplished much, and I am confident would be an excellent addition to your fine staff.

Warm regards.

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

Enclosure