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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Honorable Claiborne Pell
U.S. Senator
335 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

As you know, Mr. Edward Curran has been nominated to serve as Chairman of the National Endowment of the Humanities. As a member of the Board of Officers of the American Philosophical Association and as Professor of Philosophy at Brown University, I am seriously concerned that whoever is appointed to that office have the qualifications required for the discharge of its duties, and also broad and deep familiarity with the humanities and the wide respect of the academic community nationwide. Without these qualities wise judgment and leadership will be difficult or impossible.

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of the Endowment for our cultural life. We all owe you a great debt for its existence and strength through the years, and urge you to help ensure its continued good health.

Sincerely yours,


Ernest Sosa

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