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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Senator Pell,

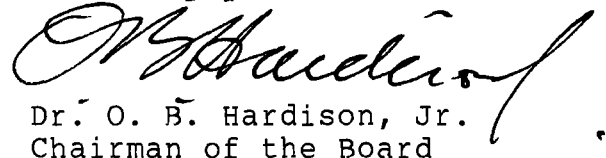
On behalf of the fifty-seven member organizations of the National Humanities Alliance, I want to thank you for your vote in the Labor and Human Resources Committee against the confirmation of Edward Curran as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

We understand the difficulty of casting a vote against a Presidentially-nominated candidate for office, and the personal commitment you must have felt to withstand the enormous pressure from the White House and the force of tradition in this confirmation. We commend you for your concern for the National Endowment for the Humanities and for the importance you placed on the quality of leadership the Endowment deserves.

Without your leadership, Senator Pell, it is certain that the issue would have been decided differently, to the detriment of NEH and the entire humanities community. Special thanks to you and to your most capable assistant Sandy Cray from NHA and its entire membership!

You have our greatest respect and admiration.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. O. B. Hardison, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

With personal thanks as well!