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Senator Claiborne Pell U.S. Senate (RI) Washington, DC 21510

Dear Senator Pell:

I am writing concerning the proposed nomination of Mr. Edward Curran as chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities. As one who has devoted a life to promoting the Humanities in America both by teaching and supervising in the Humanities, I am appalled by this possible appointment. The fact sheet that I was sent on Edward Curran gives absolutely no indication that he has any background in the Humanities. In fact I can honestly say I would not consider him for an appointment in my own department.

I urge you and your colleagues to seriously reconsider this appoinment. The future of the Humanities in America requires someone with outstanding qualifications and vision.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret C. West, Ph.D.

Department Chairman

Humanities and Modern Languages