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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
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July 27, 1979

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Dear Senator Pell,

I am pleased with the testimony which Commissioner Norman L. Fagan, of the West Virginia Department of Culture and History, gave to the Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities on June 27, 1979, but I want you to know of my regret that the truckers' strike and resulting problems prevented me from being in Washington that day.

We in West Virginia have been pleased with the growth and progress of the State humanities program here through the efforts of the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia. It is providing opportunities which many West Virginians have never had, and the chance to benefit from the wisdom and insights of the humanities disciplines. Sharon, my wife, was a member of the Board of Directors of the Humanities Foundation, so I am familiar with its work and confident of the effectiveness of its administration.

I understand that your committee is discussing the wisdom of requiring that state humanities programs become state agencies. You should know that a primary policy of this administration is that there be no growth of state government. It would be most unlikely that the Humanities Foundation could become a State agency even though no State matching funds were required.

We see the Humanities Foundation working with State agencies and private groups for the benefit of West Virginia and think that its flexible status as a non-profit corporation is admirably suited to its responsibilities.

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If I can be of assistance to your further deliberations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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