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Senator Claiborne Pell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, Arts and the Humanities
648 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Pell:

As Vice President of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for sponsorship of the "Cultural Partnerships for At-Risk Children and Youth Act of 1994" which has been included as Title XI of S. 1513, "Improving America's School Act of 1993".

Your extraordinary efforts in championing cultural programs for those most in need of them will go a long way to bridging the gap between the cultural "haves" and "have-nots" in our society. Although Education Secretary Riley has included the arts as a core subject within GOALS 2000, Title I school districts will never attain these worthy goals without federal encouragement and support.

A special thank you is due to your subcommittee staff. Staff Director David Evans and Margaret Smith, along with newcomer Daniel Ritter, serve you well. Their intelligence, thoughtfulness and professionalism deserve praise.

If I or my organization can provide additional information, please let know.

Sincerely,

David Rhodes
President, School of Visual Arts
Vice President, Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design