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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
335 Russell Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator -

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Dear Senator Pell:

In 1994 the Folger Shakespeare Library initiated the *Renaissance Forum Awards Evening* to recognize and encourage contributions to arts and humanities education. The second *Awards Evening* will take place here on Thursday November 2. We would be deeply honored if you were able to accept one of four Renaissance Forum Awards presented on that occasion. Representative Yates, Ron Stowe from the corporate sector, and a noted educator will also be invited to accept awards.

Over twenty congresspersons, including yourself, have agreed to serve as Honorary Patrons for the *1995 Renaissance Forum Awards Evening*. They represent both parties and a broad range of positions regarding federal support of culture. Presumably a number of the Honorary Patrons will attend the evening. Most other guests will be representatives of the corporate sector, to which we are turning for support of our cultural outreach programs as federal funding declines.

The event gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the value of public outreach activities such as those the Folger has developed over the past quarter century with help from federal granting agencies. Your participation, after a career dedicated to building public support for the arts and humanities, would give us an opportunity to remind all present of the enormous contribution these agencies have made to the cultural life of our nation--and of the enormous challenge that lies ahead for the private sector if the country is to maintain its recently acquired international reputation for artistic and intellectual vitality. Certainly no one deserves more credit for this than you and Representative Yates.

The evening runs from 6:30 to about 9:30, including cocktails, an entertainment and awards presentation in the Theatre, and a buffet dinner. We hope you can attend the entire event, but your presence would only be essential during the half hour between 7:45 and 8:15 when the awards will be presented.

In the hope of a favorable reply, I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Werner Gundersheimer
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