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The Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510-3901

Dear Senator Pell:

I am happy to support Carol Iannone for appointment to the Council on the Humanities. For years I have read and learned from her articles on various literary topics, informed and invigorated by her wise and scholarly perspectives framed in clear and lively prose, free of jargon and cant. I regard her as one of the most interesting literary and social critics of our time.

In 1989 I was on a team asked to evaluate the Gallatin Division of New York University where she teaches. In the course of conversations with her Dean, her colleagues and her students I learned that she is regarded as a truly wonderful teacher of the humanities. Especially praised was the breadth of her knowledge, her scholarly depth, her devotion to teaching and to her students. I have rarely heard stronger endorsements.

I have met her only once, yet I gained the impression that she would be a collegial, cooperative and hard-working colleague. I recommend her with enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours,



Donald Kagan
Dean of Yale College

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