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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
335 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3901

Dear Claiborne:

This is to let you know of my support for the nomination of Dr. Carol Iannone of New York University to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities.

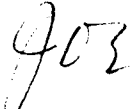
I understand that there is opposition to Carol on the part of the Modern Language Association of America. They consider her work to be "meritorious" but not "distinguished." It would be my guess that she does not belong to the "club."

You are well aware of the fight waged against elitism in the Endowment some years ago. If the MLAA's position in this matter is not "elitist," then I am a very poor judge of such things, and I have been in both education and government for over thirty years.

Carol Iannone is a distinguished academic and intellectual who would be a great asset to the work of the Council. It is my strong recommendation and earnest hope that you will support this nomination.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,


Joseph H. Hagan
President