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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

THE CHAIRMAN

April 10, 1991

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

Dear Senator Pell:

I enclose a fact sheet on Carol Iannone together with endorsements for her candidacy from Don Kagan, Dean of Yale College; distinguished historian Gertrude Himmelfarb; and William F. Buckley.

Could I possibly see you for 5 minutes on Thursday or Friday (April 11 or 12)? I do think it's important that we talk.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynne V. Cheney".

Lynne V. Cheney
Chairman

Enclosure

President Bush Nominates Carol Iannone to the
National Council on the Humanities

On January 23, 1991, President Bush nominated Carol Iannone to serve on the advisory council for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The law creating the council mandates that its members should "provide comprehensive representation of the views of scholars and professional practitioners in the humanities." Iannone's nomination is now pending before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

Carol Iannone's nomination for the council has received strong endorsements:

- Lynne Cheney, Chairman of the NEH, calls her "one of today's most lucid and insightful commentators on the humanities and cultural issues."
- Noted historian Gertrude Himmelfarb, who this year received the Jefferson lectureship, the highest award the federal government bestows in the humanities, observes that Iannone has "a special talent for communicating serious, scholarly ideas in a manner that makes them intelligible to a large audience."
- Distinguished classicist Donald Kagan, who is Dean of Yale College, writes, "For years I have read and learned from [Iannone's] 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."

Carol Iannone is superbly qualified for the National Council on the Humanities:

- She holds three college degrees, including a Ph.D. in literature from SUNY, Stony Brook.
- For almost 20 years, she has taught literature, writing, and theater to thousands of college students; and she has been honored for her teaching excellence. She is currently a full-time faculty member at New York University, Gallatin Division.
- For the past 4 years, Carol Iannone has served as Vice President of the National Association of Scholars. She has been managing editor and is now book editor for the association's journal, Academic Questions.
- She has published more than 30 articles, book reviews, and literary critiques in such publications as Commentary, National Review, The New Criterion, and The Wall Street Journal.