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WASHINGTON D.C. 20506



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September 11, 1980

Honorable Claiborne Pell United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510 RECEIVED

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Dear Senator:

Thank you for your letter of August 20, 1980, on behalf of the Center for the Arts in Westerly, Rhode Island, which has applied to the National Endowment for the Arts for assistance under the Presenting Organizations category of the Inter-Arts Program (formerly the Special Projects Program).

We certainly appreciate receiving your very supportive comments on behalf of the Center's proposal. Their application is currently being reviewed by the Endowment's Inter-Arts Program staff. In October, the Center's application will be considered by the Inter-Arts Advisory Panel, whose recommendations will be brought before the November meeting of the National Council on the Arts. The Center for the Arts will be notified of the decision reached on their request shortly thereafter.

You may be assured that their application is receiving our best attention.

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Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Avingston L. Biddle, Jr.

Chairman

All received as well as the second