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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, PROVIDENCE

**J. Joseph Garrahy**  
Governor

June 19, 1978

The Honorable Claiborne Pell  
United States Senate  
Committee on Human Resources  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Pell:


Thank you for the letter of May 9, 1978 suggesting that I consider working artists for nominations to vacant positions on the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

I will pursue every means to ensure that working artists receive serious consideration, as they constitute a group which has lasting impact on the community. It is clear that an important perspective on the Arts is to be gained from those for whom art is a livelihood, and not simply a strong interest.

I anticipate that the effects of this unique perspective may be realized when these vacancies are filled, and that the Council will benefit from having a significant percentage of its membership represented by working artists.

As always, my suggestions from your office merit special consideration, and they will be accorded my full attention.

Sincerely,

  
J. Joseph Garrahy  
GOVERNOR