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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 17, 1978

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

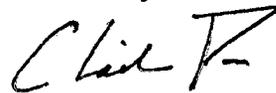
Thank you very much for your letter on behalf of the Members of the City Council of Providence supporting the Head Start program and opposing its transferral to a new Department of Education.

I agree with you and recently wrote to Senator Ribicoff expressing my support for keeping Head Start where it is now. I thought that you would like to see a copy of that letter.

Thank you again for your letter and for sharing the views of the Members of the City Council with me on this important question.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



Claiborne Pell

Enclosure

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 1 1978

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 15, 1978

The Honorable
Abraham Ribicoff
Chairman
Committee on Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Abe:

I am writing to lend my strong support to proposals to amend S. 991 by removing from it that section which would transfer the Head Start program from its present position in the Office of Child Development to the Department of Education.

In brief, I believe that the Head Start program has been as successful as it has in my state because of the close partnership it has formed with the parents and families of Head Start students. This partnership is a result of the sensitivity and support the program is shown within the Department and which would be lacking if the program were to be moved to a Department of Education.

I believe that Head Start is much more than simply an educational curricula program. Its special social service and health care support services make it a comprehensive social service assistance program, and I believe it is appropriately located in its present home.

I very much support the proposal to delete the transfer of Head Start from the provisions of S. 991 and would intend to vote to keep it in Health and Welfare if it were debated in the full Senate. I would appreciate your consideration of this matter when your Committee debates this legislation.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



Claiborne Pell