

United States Senate

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman, Senate Committee on
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Alexander,

I write today to express my enthusiastic support of the nomination of Dr. William "Bro" Adams to be Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). I have known Bro for fifteen years and consider him one of Maine's most outstanding citizens. He is a bright, engaged, and thoughtful leader, and he approaches problems with a pragmatic, no-nonsense style.

Bro's qualifications for this position run deep. A magna cum laude graduate from Colorado College, Bro studied as a Fulbright Scholar in France and later earned a PhD from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He spent several years in faculty positions at top-ranked academic institutions, including the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and Stanford University. Most notably, Bro has extensive management experience, having served as President of Bucknell University from 1995 to 2000 and most recently in a nearly fourteen-year tenure at the helm of Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

While at Colby, Bro presided over a \$376 million capital campaign – the largest in Maine's history. He also oversaw substantial growth in a number of academic programs on the college campus. During his tenure, Colby's commitment to the Waterville area grew tremendously, and the college's increased partnership with local organizations did much to strengthen Colby's bond with its surrounding community. Bro's leadership at Colby raised the national profile of this outstanding institution, and his many gifts are certain to make him an exceptional leader at the NEH.

The NEH facilitates essential research and education that enrich the fabric of our society. Our country is better for its ongoing commitment to history, literature, languages, and the arts, and I can think of no one more suited than Bro to lead the agency into the next phase of its important work. Bro's commitment to the advancement of learning and excellence is unparalleled, and under his guidance, it is certain the NEH will continue to enhance the public's engagement with the humanities.

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I appreciate your consideration of Bro's nomination; he is an absolutely outstanding candidate for this position, and I endorse him without qualification. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance as you review this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angus King" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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United States Senator

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