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Hon. William V. Roth
Chair
Senate Governmental Affairs Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Roth,

We are writing regarding President Reagan's nomination of John Agresto for the position of Archivist of the United States. We believe that Mr. Agresto is an inappropriate candidate, and we urge you to oppose his elevation to this important position.

We represent a group of over two hundred and twenty-five archivists in the metropolitan New York area. Our organization is extremely concerned that a well-qualified person be chosen to be Archivist of the United States. We hope you will review the qualifications for this position that have been recommended by the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History and use these as a guide when evaluating Mr. Agresto's nomination.

Mr. Agresto has few qualities to render his appointment to the National Archives a success. He cannot be considered an archivist, historian or experienced administrator. In addition, we believe him incapable of providing the non-partisan advocacy and leadership that the National Archives needs at this time.

Mr. Agresto will not be a proper guardian of the documentary heritage of our country. We urge you to vote against his appointment as Archivist of the United States.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Niss
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