

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

I want to congratulate on your election to the House of Representatives/Senate. We are proud to have you represent us, and we look forward to working with you.

As you know, the [Humanities Council] serves our communities in many ways. We support and conduct literacy programs, teacher workshops and institutes, discussion groups, lectures, historical programs, book festivals, oral history projects, state encyclopedias and exhibits. We provide small grants to numerous local organizations and provide access to programming for many who would not otherwise have it. We are the neighborhood face of the humanities. Especially in times of economic downturn, when budgets are often stretched, we offer an alternative to commercial programming for families, neighborhoods, the elderly, those in rural areas, and those in urban centers. We provide programs that help people put their current circumstances into historical context and engage in reasoned discussion about the challenges we all face.

I know that you are familiar with many of our efforts, but I wanted to send you a few background materials that highlight our programs. We would very much like to have you participate in one of our programs, and I would also welcome the opportunity to discuss our work with you. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Again, congratulations on your election victory.