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**Mr. Richard Harteis, President
The William Meredith Foundation
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Dear Mr. Harteis:

I am writing with regard to the exciting developments at and around Riverrun, the home of the late William Meredith. I want to extend my congratulations on your most recent accomplishment, designation as an historic landmark on the State Registry by the Historic Preservation and Museum Division of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

This tremendous recognition of Riverrun enables you to further your efforts on behalf of this jewel. In accordance with that goal, I understand that this historic landmark designation will enable you to apply for a Special Initiative grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. If awarded these state monies, I am told that you intend to produce a documentary film on William Meredith's life and career. Indeed this will be another fitting tribute to a remarkable man, and a worthy continuation of the "marathon" upon which you have embarked on his behalf.

The legacy of William Meredith, his mentorship, teaching and writings provide us with a valuable resource to pass on to future generations. Through the preservation of Riverrun, and the creation of an Artist Colony there, you will come one step closer to ensuring that his irrepressible spirit and talent will continue to serve as an inspiration throughout the future. As U.S. Poet Laureate and a Pulitzer Prize winning author, William Meredith was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments. It will, however, be in the serenity of Riverrun that his artful gardening and wise counsel to students will remain alive, and inspire those that visit his home. As his students and his gardens grew, so will the artists, visitors and admirers that visit this sanctuary for years to come.

I applaud your personal accomplishments and all that you have done on behalf of our hometown hero, William Meredith. I look forward to our continued efforts on behalf of Riverrun and the continued legacy of this man and his home.

Best wishes for continued success throughout the future.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator