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To: Senator Pell

From: Stephen

Attached, you will find a rather involved letter from Dr. Berman concerning the mandated State humanities councils. Dr. Berman makes many points as to why they should not be mandated. I suggested that this type of written discussion would be helpful to you, especially if done early enough for you to have a chance to review it.

What is also happening is that many Senators' offices - Senator Eagleton (a member of the Subcommittee), Mr. Hart, and Mr. Glenn - are receiving calls from existing State humanities councils. The gist of the problem is that if we mandate the State councils they would then be appointed by the governor, and the concern is that the presently-constituted State humanities councils members, who have put a lot of time and effort into their work, would not be appointed to the officially-mandated State humanities councils. They do have a good point, and I think we may hear from Judge Murray in Rhode Island on this matter.