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Dear Colleague Opposing the Recess Appointment of Helen Marie Taylor to the National Council on the Humanities and Calling for the Withdrawal of her Name

Dear Colleague

We believe the United States Senate should reaffirm its sense that the President should only appoint qualified individuals, particularly when using his recess appointment authority, and accordingly, that the President should withdraw the name of Helen Marie Taylor as a recess appointee to the National Council on the Humanities.

Mrs. Taylor, quite simply, is not qualified to be a member of the National Council. She is not a scholar or administrator of a humanities institution; nor has she demonstrated any form of serious commitment to the disciplines, services, or activities associated with the humanities. Indeed, Mrs. Taylor acknowledges that her experience is in the arts not the humanities, and even there, her qualifications are suspect: her earlier nomination to the Board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting was resisted by the Senate's Commerce Committee.

We believe that Mrs. Taylor was an unfortunate choice for any board and especially one committed to excellence in the pursuit of scholarship, education and public activity in the humanities; and before the Senate adjourns, a clear and cogent message should be sent on the worthiness of appointments.

If you have any further questions, or would like to cosponsor this amendment please call: