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Believe Senate should not confirm Berman for another term for the following reasons:

1. Perspective of brief history

Dates of original bills—how it started out as Performing, then Visual Arts, then Arts and Humanities

2. Comparison of how Humanities has grown very slowly compared with explosion of Arts groups.

No. of new non-state humanities groups - ( ) vs. new non-state art groups--more than 1000.

3. Comparison of how Humanities is far more Elitist than Arts groups.

Increased number of applications to Arts over Humanities--cite specific statistics.
Geographic areas of awards.

Cite state statistics for each endowment for every Senator on Committee. Try to bring in some specific evidence of cronyism.

Compare increased size of Humanities grants compared with Arts.

4. GAO report--loose administration.

5. Head of executive agency with a fixed term is usually not reappointed unless performance was exceptional.

Cite other examples than just CG and Marine. Hankes was exceptional.

6. Easiest and most politically advantageous thing for me to do would be to not oppose this appointment.

Orchestrated series of critical and often almost vicious statements.
Have not responded as did not want to see Berman personally hurt. He's done a passable but not exceptional job.