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Dear Senator Pell:

Although I am not your constituent, I have followed your career in the Senate through the years, and have always held you in high esteem.

Your recent vote against the nomination of Carol Iannone to the Advisory Council of the National Endowment on the Humanities seems to me, however, a repudiation of what you have spent years in espousing.

Dr. Iannone is a woman who dares speak her mind and as a result has roused resentment among a few special interest groups. Rather than defending her, you cater to the bias of her detractors. You have not only lost my respect but that of many others, some of whom may even live in Rhode Island.

Quite aside from ordinary morality, the politically correct act is not always politically wise.

Very truly yours,

Sol Schindler
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