

Cheryl Parker Rose has been working with a workgroup on the attached draft op-ed regarding Head Start. The Governor gave his okay to sign on to the original draft (memo and draft attached).

Fred and I discussed the most recent draft (also attached with editing strike throughs) this morning. He brought up the question of if the Governor, who has first dibs on signing the op-ed at this point in time, wants to be aligned with Senators Dodd and Kennedy during the campaign. I pointed out that we support their legislation.

We both think that a plus is that the Governor is involved with the Head Start legislation and is working on Head Start's behalf, we just want to make sure we don't do anything politically that he might get criticized for during the campaign.

Please review the most recent draft and let me know if y'all feel comfortable with it. I need your feedback by tomorrow afternoon (Thursday, 8/28), as I'll be out after that. If you give feedback after that point, please send it to Fred (202-220-1332).

Thanks!