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Welcome and, of course an idea...

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Madame Secretary, of all the things that happened yesterday I was most struck by the welcome and anticipation from the State Department workers who want so much to have a champion and believe they do in you.

So, last I wrote about the challenge of informing local "influentials" about the State Department actions beyond daily briefings on war, pestilence and famine. I am always annoyed by people who only state the problem without at least taking a chance on offering an answer. When I saw a reference to the creation of America Houses in the Muslim world it sparked my thinking. So, here goes as wild as this might be and as impractical as it might seem how about creating World Houses here in the U S of A. World Houses could be part of libraries across the country where information and news about parts of the world, aid programs and women's initiatives, etc. etc. would be featured. Part of this idea comes from my passion for public libraries. Libraries are in every nook and cranny of the country. They are all too often these days underfunded and understaffed so a turn key package about what is going on - study guides for the tough issues and information about non-headline grabbing activities - could be embraced. Libraries could pick books to feature. You get the drift. The danger is that it would be seen as "promotional"; I rather think that it could and should be designed as part of the new government transparency effort. Much could be done on line. And, as a sidelight, when State Department folks happen to travel around the country they could appear at libraries.

As usual, I send ideas without much knowledge of whether they could possibly work or are appropriate. Nevertheless, I did not want to shirk my responsibility to add something to the discussion someone may be having.

Again, my congratulations. I am sorry I missed seeing you at your event this week but will see you for sure when you are honored in March at the Planned Parenthood Annual Meeting.

So glad you are there, Gina

P.S. No matter from which direction they come, don't let the turkeys get you down!