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State Board of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairwoman Lowe and Board Members:

I am writing concerning your decision on the proposed social studies curriculum standards for Texas students. I know the process has been long, and at times contentious. I appreciate your commitment to this task. I know you share my belief that we live in the greatest state in the greatest country in the world. We are truly blessed to live where we do and enjoy the freedoms and opportunities we have.

I have been encouraged to see many of the changes this board has made since the first proposals were released. As you make the final revisions and changes, I trust that you will ensure our students are given a curriculum which accurately represents the history of our country, state, and our Judeo-Christian heritage. The standards should be based on historical fact, not political correctness.

Thank you for your work on this important task. Education is the key to our future. To know who we are as a people, we must know our past. I trust you will make the right decision and vote for a set of standards that will teach our students the truth about the rich history that formed our great nation.

May God bless,

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