



Texas Conservative Coalition

May 17, 2010

The Honorable Gail Lowe
Chairman, State Board of Education
11 Chris Avenue
Lampasas, TX 76550

Dear Chairman Lowe:

We would like to share with you our support for the standards approved by the State Board of Education in March 2010 for the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for Social Studies.

We would also like to confirm our support for final adoption of the TEKS for Social Studies at the conclusion of your State Board of Education meetings in May 2010. While no such document can ever be perfect, we believe the final work product is a strong step in the right direction and will give students a fuller understanding of the roots of American history.

As state legislators, we fully understand the direct relationship between the TEKS and what is ultimately taught to public school students in classrooms across this state.

We understand that some are seeking to obstruct the normal time table of the curriculum standards review process. We categorically reject such efforts. Our Texas students deserve better.

We thank you for your work, and we greatly value your service to the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

State Representative Wayne Christian
House District 9 - Center

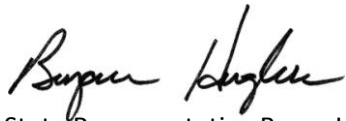
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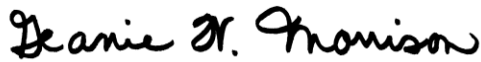
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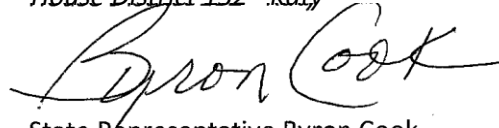
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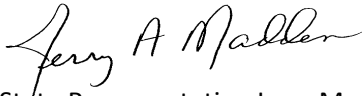
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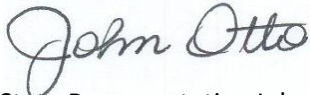
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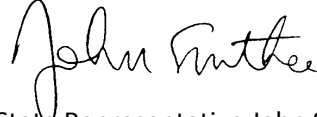
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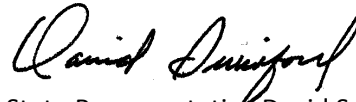
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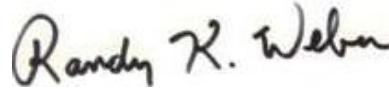
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