

To the Honorable Ron Highland, Chair of the Education Committee:

Sir, I could write volumes about why common core is a bad idea, but you don't have time to read them...so, I'll be as brief as possible.

Common Core sounds like a good idea, just like Obamacare...but it's in the implementation where it falls apart, sold to us in the midst of bold or partial lies to fool us, just like the "You can keep your doctor" meme. Ask yourself, what has the federal government ever done well, beyond spending other people's money. That alone is enough to say no to this nonsense...but if you need more, consider this.

Common Core was developed by a group of people who had generally never been in a classroom except as a student. The education professionals involved bailed out before the program was completed. Thus, it has little to do with education and more to do with government control, which we do not need any more of, rather much less.

Another good reason to prove this plan is deceptive and dishonest is something I have learned over the years. I taught secondary level math for thirty years. When I criticized Common Core math, I was ridiculed by puffed up folks who had never taught one class of anything in any school. Who is the real fool here?

The purpose of Common Core math is to take mom and dad out of it, so only those in school will be able to help their children...but there is more. The professionals we are supposed to count on can't do the math themselves, so confusion and frustration rule, and those who need help end up losers with bad attitudes and less knowledge.

Finally, with our current budget woes in the state, we simply cannot afford this nightmare. Thus, I call on you to support HB2292 to save us before it's too late. Dump Common Core; it's a fake that only makes a serious problem worse.

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PS. By the way, a similar math program was introduced about the time I was in high school. It tried to do the very same thing Common Core does. It was called Modern Math. It failed miserably for the same reason Common Core math will...but what about the damage done to lost and discouraged students? No one cared the slightest bit for them. How sad to lose one's love for learning over profound stupidity!