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## To Whom It May Concern:

As a full time instructor for 25 years so far and a three time nominee to Who's Who of American Educators, I testify by the breadth of my experience that Common Core aka College and Career Ready Standards are not in the best interest of creative thinking and learning to learn maturation and metacognition.

The best standards are those supported by local control and instate concern. I have seen the splitting of time become so distinctly hazardous under the teaching to the test and data collection model of Common Core that I have recently considered making this push to reject the UNESCO global standards my major goal of this legislative session.

Nothing about Common Core is state driven. In fact, Secretary of the Federal Department of Education Arne Duncan has openly called for the states to be totally isolated from the education standards now promoted from the central government.

I am exhilarated anew and in support of this push to stop Common Core in Kansas and ask that no killer amendments be entertained. Keep the language clean and direct and eliminate Common Core.

Restore true promise to the children of Kansas. One size fits all negates the true individual nature of developing learning. Stand strong and defeat the data and testing nightmare of Common Core in Kansas!!! Please support HB 2292.

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