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Dear Kansas Legislators,

Common Core is the common bane of the states.

I am very much against the intrusion of a federal agenda disguised as educational standards and touted as a necessary uniformity across the nation without which our children will suffer in a global market place. Baloney.

Of course there needs to be standards, benchmarks. Standards have never been the issue. It is what is tied to *these* 'standards'—a curriculum that delivers an ideology that would serve to influence generations of young minds without the scrutiny of parents and local school districts because, to adopt Common Core is to abdicate local control. It is propaganda at a national level, paid for by our tax dollars. And we need State legislators to guard Kansas' citizens against this seizure of liberty.

The Education Committee has heard testimony over the past years from experts. Many of us as parents and grandparents have made the time to hear them too. I remain convinced that the KNEA is a self-serving system using system speak that is condescending and arrogant in dismissing concerns of 'non-educators' as informed enough to challenge their turf. I also find it not at all surprising that a growing number of teachers, award-winning teachers are quitting the profession in disgust over the Common Core constraints in the classroom.

I beg you to hear us--those of us who come to the Capital and those of us who don't because we are homeschooling our children in the hope of personally safeguarding the education of our most precious charge.

We pray for your courage, your insight, your wisdom as you deliberate and hopefully *this session*, uproot the tentacles of Common Core in Kansas.

Most respectfully,

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