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Kansas Senate Education Committee Chair Erickson & Members:

I'm Erika Sheets, Chair of the Moms for Liberty Johnson County, KS chapter and Kansas Legislative Committee Chair. I am here representing our parents in Johnson County and across Kansas today.

Our parents stand in Strong Support of this bill's requirements for high school diploma:

- Proper, accurate, American civics education
- Truth of communism and socialism education
- pass American civics exam

Concerns with implementation:

- Putting the State BOE in charge of developing this curriculum essentially equals KSDE developing it which essentially equals KNEA & teacher unions developing it. That's one of the ways we got here in the first place.
- The current state board mostly rubber stamps requests from KSDE, despite having the statutory responsibility for oversight and full

decision authority. This tail-wagging-the-dog has sadly become common practice for the board as a whole regardless of who occupies the various seats.

- KSDE treats KNEA like they are part of our education department. Teachers unions have stated clearly in their own materials that they align WITH communist and socialist values, principles and models; examples include the UN-based Whole Child Community School model, DEI systemic racism, leftist political activism on display recently in anti-law protests on school grounds during school hours.
- The current "education experts" are ineffective in teaching the treacherous realities of communism and socialism. Simultaneously, these same sources have failed in teaching the truth of American civics by promoting curriculum & values with a critical theory belief system. This belief teaches that America is inherently racist and evil, must be dismantled as-is and be remade in this lens. It is patently false and frankly, seditious.
- Additionally, local school districts have the statutory authority to select curriculum to meet graduation criteria currently. A state-developed curriculum would functionally eliminate local control. While the bill essentially states local districts don't have to use the state curriculum, the practical reality will be that choice is most likely the most cost-effective and locally integrated.
- Hillsdale College has developed a thorough K12 US history and civics, communism & socialism sets of resources: <https://k12.hillsdale.edu/> as well as those in the President's 1776 Report. Both have been provided to Cyndie for the Committee members.
- Lastly, the bill should establish the existing US Citizenship Test as the only exam; it has two parts: an English proficiency in reading, writing & speaking as well as the civics test covering US history and government. American high school graduates should be at least as knowledgeable as naturalized citizens.

In summary-

- Removing the current social studies rot from KS K12 schools is an urgent imperative as is replacing it with accurate US history and civics.

- But, Kansas does not need to reinvent the wheel on either the teaching or the testing. In fact, doing so will open the door for those working against the intent of this bill.
- Excellent, accurate resources already exist to implement the objectives of this bill. As we all know, the "how" matters as much as the "what" and the "why".
- The Kansas parents of Moms for Liberty would be happy and honored to assist the committee in these pursuits.

Sincerely,

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