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November 19, 2013

Commissioner Christopher Cerf
Department of Education
100 River View Plaza
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Dear Commissioner Cerf,

It is our understanding that in June of 2010, the State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to replace the current core curriculum content standards in English, Language Arts, Literary Arts, History/Social Studies, Science, Mathematics and Technical Subjects. There have been numerous areas of concern expressed to us regarding the implementation of CCSS. As part of the process, we would ask that you report to us about some of the concerns regarding implementation and reasoning behind the state's acceptance of CCSS. Please provide us with the following information:

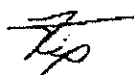
- Information regarding what actions were taken by the state and a timeline for the new standards.
- The reasoning and comparison for the replacement of the current academic standard with CCSS.
- What the full cost, current and future, will be for school districts to implement CCSS.
- A copy of state methodologies for analysis of student performance before and after the adoption of CCSS.
- What guarantees and safeguards exist for privacy of student and family personal data.

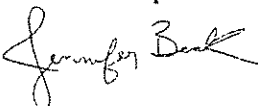
Thank you in advance for your attention to this request. We would hope your answers provided will give us suitable knowledge so we can better understand the process and be able to answer many of our constituents concerns.

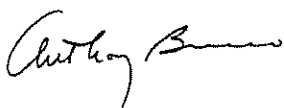
Sincerely yours,


Senator Joe Pennacchio

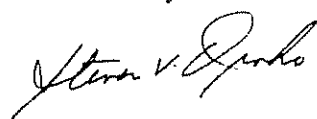

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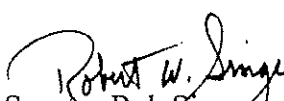

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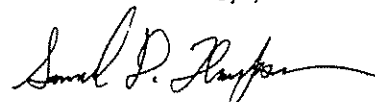

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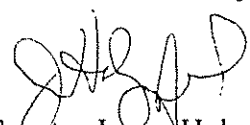

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