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Dear Mr. Kaufman:

I am writing to ask you to oppose the proposed amendments to the State Board of Education's teacher certification regulations (Chapter 49-2) that are now before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

The regulations, if finally adopted, would make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools. Specifically, they would:

- narrow the preparation of elementary certificate holders at a time when teachers are expected to work with a broader range of performance in their classes
- lead to departmentalizing disciplines at lower grades at a time when many curriculum experts are suggesting greater and more natural integration of content
- result in less flexibility to staff elementary schools
- lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers.

For the reasons stated, I urge you to reject the proposed amendments to Teacher Certification Regulations.

Sincerely,

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