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Mr. Kim Kaufman, Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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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.

I oppose the changes because they will result in less flexibility to staff our elementary schools and may lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers. I do not understand why the State Board of Education feels a change from our current K-6 certificate is necessary. The regulations, if finally adopted, would make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Gallagher, D.Ed.
Superintendent

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