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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Mr. Kaufman:

I am writing 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, as indicated:

- They will 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
- They will lead to departmentalizing disciplines at lower grades at a time when many curriculum experts are suggesting greater and more natural integration of content
- They will result in less flexibility to staff elementary schools
- They may lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers

For these reasons, I urge you to disapprove the Chapter 49-2 regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenneth E. Voss", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Kenneth E. Voss
Superintendent of Schools

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