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Subject: Elementary Certification

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed elimination of the K-6 elementary certificate and the creation of K-3 and 4-8 certificates. I appreciate the developmental and instructional differences in this large age-span but I firmly believe that this change will further fragment the mission of elementary education and foster a "content" focus in grades 4, 5 and 6. NCLB through its HQT mandate has forced the restructure of the middle school in grades 7 and 8 toward a content oriented curriculum. The proposed changes in certification will just make a developmental, process-oriented program much more difficult to sustain in the elementary setting and in the first years of the middle school.

I tried to be brief. I hope I was clear.

Sincerely,

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