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Mr. Jim Buckheit, Exec. Dir.
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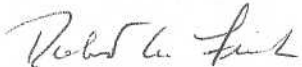
Dear Mr. Buckheit:

As a public educator of over 40 years, I am writing to you in opposition to 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. If adopted, some of these regulations will make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools. Among other issues, these changes 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, and
- Lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers.

I would be more than willing to discuss these concerns further if you would like me to do so. Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

Sincerely,



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