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**From:** Jacki Richey <pdxjackimex@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** ED, State Board of Ed  
**Subject:** [External] New set of Pennsylvania state science standards

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I am writing to you to urge you to adopt the Next Generation Science Standards, which are used in most states and which the Pennsylvania Teachers Association recommended in 2018.

Some groups are urging the inclusion of "intelligent creation" into the science curriculum. That is a religious belief of some Christian groups and is not a scientific theory. It belongs perhaps in a comparative religion class but not in science classes taught in our public schools.

The science curriculum for middle and high schools should include evolution and climate change, which are not controversial among scientists as some religious groups would like you to believe. Again, religion should not be taught in our public schools except as part of a comparative religion class.

The Next Generation Science Standards will prepare our students for the challenges of the workplace and for higher education. Leaving out science topics at the request of some religious groups will ill prepare our students for their futures.

Thank you for considering my views,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jacqueline Richey", written over a horizontal line.

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