

**TESTIMONY TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Public School Curriculum**  
**January 31, 2013**

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**I believe that Richardson ISD is not an isolated incident.**

**In the absence of oversight, curriculum development becomes a function of the ideology of the local curriculum developer.**

**Clearly, oversight over large district curriculum development, as well as CSCOPE, is required to ensure compliance with SBOE-adopted standards.**

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**Thank you for your attention.**

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