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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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Idaho State Board of Education
650 West State Street, 3rd Floor
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Dear Idaho State Board of Education,

The Education Task Force has concluded that there is overwhelming evidence that tenets of Critical Race Theory exist in Idaho institutions of higher education.

Definitions and standards:

The Education Task Force is in opposition to the proposed policy of the SBOE regarding the inclusion of so-called definitions which are contrary to the Idaho Constitution. Specifically, Section 6 of Article IX, which states that "no distinction or classification of students shall be made on account of race or color". IC 18-7301 guarantees that "freedom from discrimination constitutes a civil right". Additionally, these definitions and standards are not policy, which sets the "why" behind an action, nor procedure, which explains the "how". Rather, they are simply statements of value.

The Task Force agrees with the traditional definition of diversity and inclusion as essential components of our free and civil society. In the proposed policy, however, the use of the word "equity" seeks to guarantee equitable outcomes, which will result in unconstitutional and unlawful discrimination. We support the concept of equality of opportunity for all students.

Furthermore, we urge the SBOE to ensure any policy does not create new discrimination in its efforts to address past discrimination. By doing so, the SBOE will ensure that policy complies with the Idaho Constitution and Idaho statute.

With reference to section 3, paragraph e, we support compliance with current accreditation standards only insofar as those standards are consistent with Idaho Constitution and Idaho statutes. We oppose any accreditation standard which requires teachers to receive training or coursework which is not in compliance with our constitution and statutes.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice McGeachin".

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