



May 4, 2021

State Representative Harold V. Dutton, Jr.
Public Education Committee
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768

Re: Comments in Opposition to Senate Bill 2202/House Bill 3979

Dear Chairman Dutton:

We write in opposition to Senate Bill 2202, which has been engrossed by the Senate and now referred to the House Public Education Committee. The companion legislation is House Bill 3979.

We share the concerns raised by Independent School Districts about these bills, which would discourage civic engagement and discussion of current events in the classroom. Additionally, we are also concerned about the pre-emptive nature of these bills, which would take authority away from local elected trustees and administrators appointed by those trustees.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information in opposition to these bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Kitner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Kitner
Chief Operating Officer
North Dallas Chamber of Commerce