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Commissioner Matt Blomstedt
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Cory Epler, Nebraska Department of Education
Content Area Standards

Dear Commissioner Blomstedt,

While there are beneficial health-related items in the recently released Health Education Standards, we are deeply disturbed about material related to sex education, marriage and family, and gender. Most of these items reside under "Human Growth and Development".

The Nebraska Legislature has repeatedly rejected efforts to mandate so-called comprehensive sex education curriculum. Yet the proposed Health Education Standards are a back door attempt to propose what the people of this State have rejected. In doing so, the proposed Health Education Standards violate the right of parents as the first educators of their child (especially in matters of human sexuality).

We understand the current draft is the first, and that the process of revision will take time. However, we find the content and tenor of this first draft so problematic that it demands immediate attention.

We ask that all sex education and other ideologically motivated content be removed from the Nebraska Health Standards.

We respectfully request that you relay our concerns to the State Board of Education and to all of those involved in the advising and writing of these standards.

Undersigned Nebraska State Senators.

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