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**Walters Praises Ten Commandments Legislation**  
***Bill Would Codify First Amendment Protections for Teachers and Students***

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters has issued the following statement in support of legislation filed by Rep. Jim Olsen (R-Roland) that would require the display of the Ten Commandments in Oklahoma schools.

“Representative Olsen and I share the same belief that the Ten Commandments must and should be on display as a founding document of our country. Our country is founded on Judeo-Christian values and we should place a priority on learning about this important historical precedent,” said Walters. “The breakdown in classroom discipline over the past 40 years is in no small measure due to the elimination of the Ten Commandments as guideposts for student behavior. I will continue to fight against state-sponsored atheism that has caused society to go downhill.”

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