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### **Walters Fights For Teachers Attacked By Out-of-State Secular Activists**

**Oklahoma City, Okla** – State Superintendent Ryan Walters sent a letter to Oklahoma school districts today affirming that the State Department of Education will support any teachers or schools who are being targeted by a Wisconsin-based secular organization that has sent letters to schools and teachers threatening litigation if they continue to practice their Freedom of Religion.

Freedom of Religion is one of the foundational liberties of our country, and the State Department of Education is not going to stand idly by while out-of-state groups attack these liberties.

“I will always stand by our teachers exercising their First Amendment rights. Here in Oklahoma, we are not going to let a radical secular organization out of Wisconsin bully our schools and teachers. This is a group that is vehemently opposed to the values of the Constitution and who should be ashamed of their vulture-like approach to attacking teachers. They are pushing an agenda that says state-sponsored atheism is the only acceptable religion, and we are going to stand firm against that radical secularism. I feel pity for these woke, elitist lawyers who have decided that there is no greater calling in life than to make sure teachers aren’t practicing their Faith.” – State Superintendent Ryan Walters

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