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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the newly developed Oklahoma State Standards. These standards have been a collaborative endeavor for Oklahoma teachers, administrators and stakeholders alike. It is with great focus and diligence these standards have been developed over the past months. Every bit of input and commentary has been considered in the development of these standards and that has been a very appreciated and refreshing approach.

I personally have had veteran teachers within my district who have worked on subject area committees and even more who have commented on the standards as they were being developed. They have expressed to me that they are so proud to have their voices heard and their expertise in their field acknowledged and utilized! They take ownership of these newly developed standards knowing that they have had a hand in molding them.

These standards are truly what they are titled "Oklahoma State Standards," written, reviewed and revised by Oklahoma education professionals. They have been created to illustrate robust and rigorous standards that reflect what students in Oklahoma need to attain in order to succeed in post secondary education. I am confident in the work of so many in the field of education who have come together to create these new standards that are tailored to the needs of our Oklahoma students. I applaud the hard work that has gone into the development of these standards. This work will benefit the children of Oklahoma for years to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geri D. Gilstrap".

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