



May 4, 2009

The Honorable Steve Ogden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
P.O. Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Dear Senator Ogden:

As you deliberate HB 4586, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, we are writing to express our support for funding of textbooks and technology as provided in Section 28 and Section 41 of the bill, specifically to fund contractual obligations as set out in Proclamation 2010 and technology in the classroom. In HB 4586, these items are paid for by funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We appreciate that the Senate included a funding amount of \$895 million for textbooks and continuing contracts in Article XI of S.B. 1. Of course, conference committee on the budget is another vehicle to ensure funding for those items.

We believe very strongly that the funds must be made available to purchase learning materials such as textbooks and technological equipment that contribute to student learning, including electronic textbooks and other devices appropriate for the use of technology in the classroom.

There should be no delay in providing Texas teachers with instructional materials that are aligned with new standards in order for our school children to continue to be successful in their education and future. Also, our children deserve the opportunity to take advantage of these 21st century resources.

We believe that fully funding Proclamation 2010, as requested by the Texas Education Agency, is right the thing for Texas school children. Thank you for your support of textbooks, electronic instructional materials, and classroom technology.

Best regards,

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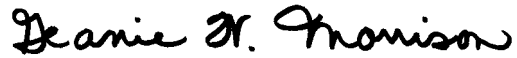
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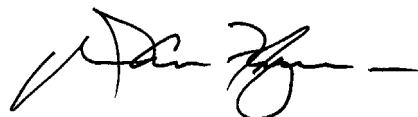
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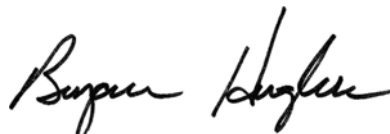
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