

## Attachment 7

2/23/17

Dear education committee,

I don't believe I will have a chance to speak to you today, so I would like to give you my written statement. The committee is out of time.

I would not presume to tell a heart surgeon how her surgery standards should be changed, because she is the expert, not I. This is analagous to the experts, scientists & teachers, who created the science standards & now politicians in the house are changing the experts' ~~opinions~~ advice. I don't understand why politicians would believe they know better about science than do our teachers & scientists.

These science standards cannot exist w/out including the five stricken climate change paragraphs because the existence of climate change is a science standard.

I object ~~that~~ the discussion of the removal of climate change from science standards be called "fighting over crumbs." Climate change consequences are likely to be the #1 enemy of our world. It is not crumbs. I understand that the senator did not mean it as unimportant,

but someone in the powerful position of Senator should be careful about his words,

It has been stated that these Science Standards are a minimum standard, I believe that Boise public schools will continue to teach about climate change caused by humans, but other districts may not. And that cheats those students from ~~a~~ real science. That is why it is imperative that these science standards not be passed w/out the 5 stricken Standards, Let's make sure all Idaho Students are guaranteed an education that includes real Science, which is climate change!

I understand it is hard to pass up the other 270 Standards, but it is extremely important because if it is allowed forward w/out the 5 climate change Standards, it may be another 20 years before we have science standards that belong to this century and our future.

Sincerely,

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