

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Texas Association of School Boards
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Dear Board of Directors,

We write to inquire about Texas Association of School Boards' (TASB) knowledge and involvement in the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) September 29th letter that likened parents voicing their concerns at school board meetings to "domestic terrorism." While the NSBA letter has since been revoked, a Department of Justice whistleblower has now come forward showing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Counterterrorism Division is compiling and categorizing threat assessments related to parents, including by directing FBI personnel to use a specific "threat tag" to track potential investigations.¹ It is imperative that Texas parents can trust that the TASB will protect their 1st Amendment right and ability to confidently speak up on behalf of their children and their children's education.

According to FOIA documents from Parents Defending Education, on September 17, 2021 the NSBA notified all State Associations – which includes TASB – that a letter would be sent to President Biden requesting federal law enforcement intervene to deal with "threats" at local school board meetings.² This letter and request for federal involvement was clearly intended to intimidate parents into silence, threatening them for defending their values and children's educational interests.

Considering the heinous nature of NSBA's letter, Texas parents deserve to know the extent of TASB's involvement. Therefore, we request answers to the following questions:

- 1) To what extent did TASB know about the September 29th NSBA letter and when?
- 2) Does TASB agree with NSBA's decision to call on federal law enforcement to target parents?
- 3) If not, did any TASB member communicate their disagreement with this decision to NSBA?

Finally, to date, twelve states have separated from the NSBA to demonstrate they definitively stand with parents. Why has TASB not officially separated from the NSBA? Organizations representing

¹ <https://republicans-judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-11-16-JDJ-to-Garland-re-completeness-of-testimony.pdf>

² <https://defendinged.org/press-releases/new-nsba-foia-reveals-timeline-of-white-house-conversations/>

Texans' education should unequivocally support parents and their involvement in the children's education and not remain affiliated with national organizations that display otherwise.

We look forward to receiving a response to this letter soon.

Sincerely,



Chip Roy
Member of Congress



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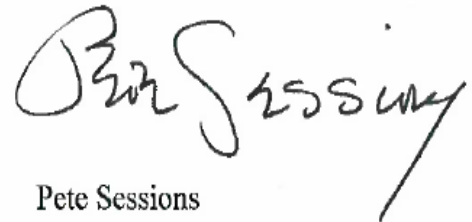
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