

*Complaining about a problem
without proposing a solution
is called whining.
-Teddy Roosevelt*



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President & CEO

Chairman Owens and members of the House Education committee,

I am Bette Grande the CEO of the Roughrider Policy Center. On behalf of the Roughrider Policy Center, I stand in support of SB 2304. We are facing a critical time in our Nation where we are seeing history being rewritten, changed by people with an agenda or even seeing it forgotten, or erased. Now is not the time to ignore our past but to learn from it.

There are some who are trying to force a false narrative of this country's history with the 1619 Project. It is divisive and negative, we need to be teaching the truth, the founding fathers, the Constitution, federalist papers, civics education and the whole of the history of this Nation.

Our past, the history of this Nation at times is very ugly, we must learn about it and learn from it. We need to see the mistakes in order to make sure they are not made again and again. It is from those times we need to look at true history and learn from, forgive, and move forward.

Yes, at times we need to ask for forgiveness, and then everyone needs to move forward together for the betterment of all.

I am including a resolution written by Sen. Brownback (KS) Former Ambassador at large for international religious freedom. It should have been read by every Congressional leader or Governor to the various Native Americans on their states. It is not too late, and I hope adding Native American history to the options of curriculum to the history classes will help in the understandings of our history. Please take the time to read the Resolution all the way through, it is a start in the understanding of why SB2304 is important.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bette Grande". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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