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Natalie Cline  
Utah State Board of Education  
250 East 500 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Ms. Cline,

We are compelled to express to you our concern about how your actions as an elected official representing the residents of Midvale have impacted our community. Your targeting of a high school student on social media, has not only led to undue stress and potential harm to the student, but has cast a long shadow over the integrity of the Utah State Board of Education.

The role of an elected official, particularly one entrusted with the oversight of educational standards and the welfare of students, carries with it an inherent duty to promote a culture of inclusivity, understanding, and respect. Your behavior clearly shows you are incapable of fulfilling your duty when it leads directly to subjecting a student to cyberbullying and public criticism. It contradicts the values that we, as a community, stand for.

This situation has not only affected the student and their family but has also prompted a strong response from leaders from throughout Utah. The condemnation from Governor Spencer Cox and Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson, alongside the expressed concerns of the Granite School District regarding the wellbeing of the student, highlights the gravity of the repercussions stemming from your weaponization of social media.

Adding to our concern is the fact that this incident is not an isolated lapse in judgment, but rather part of a recurring pattern of behavior that has previously been subject to official reprimand by the Utah State Board of Education. Such conduct detracts from the Board's essential mission and undermines the collective

efforts to foster an educational environment that nurtures growth, safety, and respect for all students.

In light of the above and believing that you are incapable of acting in the best interest of Midvale students and their families, as well as students and families throughout Utah, we demand your immediate resignation from the Utah State Board of Education. This action is deemed necessary to restore public trust in our educational institutions and to reinforce our commitment to upholding an environment where every student can feel valued and protected.

Sincerely,



Marcus Stevenson, Mayor



Heidi Robinson, Council Member



Dustin Gettel, Council Member



Bonnie Billings, Council Member



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