

Mr. Chairman and honorable members of the committee,

*Christopher Sebastian*

It's not every day that you hear a Brit speaking to the Idaho Legislature; I was surprised to not hear anyone shout out

*THAT* ~~the British were coming~~ as I was walking down the hallway. But Mr. Chairman and committee members, it's a pleasure to address you ~~and I do so, not as a House intern, but~~ *as a citizen of the State of Idaho.*

I have a son named Albert who is happy, healthy and ridiculously cute. As his parent, I am excited about what the future holds for him and I'm confident that he will make good choices. I also fear for his future, from when he'll experience his first rejection from the girl he wishes to take to prom to experiencing losing someone. I am also fearful about whether the quality of education that he will receive here in Idaho will be good enough to propel him forward in the right direction. Now, I am a believer of these new science standards and I believe that they teach our children—my child—the natural wonders of the world in which we live in, how we can better our stewardship of it and the FACTS that pertain to it. The science standards were drafted by the men and women that have been given the great responsibility to mentor our children in the classroom and I trust them because of one simple reason; they're at the forefront of it all.

I urge you to approve of these new science standards—it's not our future, but our children's future.