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Mrs. Jane McCormick Tolmach

Dear Candidate:

Never before has the voter needed a more thorough knowledge of candidates for public office than he does now. And, considering the problems our schools are facing today, I feel your qualifications for governing school board member of college district trustee should be more than just generally known. Statements of qualifications usually contain such information as age, occupation, education, experience, and often nondescriptive generalities like hard working, personal initiative, extensive knowledge, etc. These things are all important, but it isn't until the candidate speaks out on current issues that we really get to know him.

It is for this reason that I am contacting you now. I want to know more about your ability and political fortitude so that I can intelligently cast my vote. I need at least a brief summary of your qualifications and your views on the following issues, as they involve the schools and school property.

- A. School busing with respect to de facto segregation.
- B. Sex education.
- C. Leftist or communist organizations involving student, teacher, and speaker on activities and the distributing of written information in support of these groups, their personnel, their philosophies, and their activities.
- D. Federal aid to education.
- E. Teaching of morals in the schools.
- F. Parental interest and involvement in school programs.
- G. Board member knowledge of school programs and the texts used in those programs.
- H. Newspaper announcements by the school Board on Board meetings involving important issues to be passed on by the Board.

Finally, would you, as a Board member, approve any school program without first having a thorough knowledge of its intent, its authors, its texts, and the persons or organizations proposing the program?

I will interpret your answering my letter as your permission to distribute or publish copies of that response to other people. Most people with whom I have talked know very little about the incumbents or the candidates. As you comment on the various subjects, I urge you to "get right to the point" and to state your position firmly. I am sure that there may be other important issues about which you may want to comment. Please do so, and please understand that my request is most respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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