

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dated August , 2012

Dear Governor Brown:

I/we request you to please sign SB1540 (Hancock) to allow completion of revision of the History-Social Science Curriculum Framework because it will assist in creating awareness about Sikh Americans, the need for which has been emphasized by ACR181(Logue, 2010) and ACR97(Perea, 2012).

As you might know observant Sikhs are distinguished by *dastaars* (Sikh turbans) and other articles of faith and are regrettably subjected to hate crimes, racial profiling, discrimination, and denial of public accommodation because of their perceived race, ethnicity, religion, and national origin. The August 5<sup>th</sup> shooting in Wisconsin resulting in the killing of six peaceful Sikhs, inside their place of worship is a horrific tragedy that underscores the urgent need to educate the public about Sikhs. Additionally, the Mesa, Arizona killing of Balbir Singh Sodhi on 9/15/2001, the beating of a Sikh American cab driver in West Sacramento in Nov. 2010 and the Elk-Grove, California shooting of two elderly Sikhs provide additional context for our request. Thus, we encourage you to pass SB1540 (Hancock). All these emphasize the urgency of passing of at the earliest.

Additionally, most of the work involving the adoption of a revised Framework stands completed, allowing for all California students the opportunity to receive a current and high quality education.

Kindly do sign SB1540 (Hancock). Thanks in anticipation.

Respectfully,

Name & Address