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Dear Mr. Linn:

The Common Core State Standards Initiative is a significant and historic opportunity for states to collectively accelerate educational reform to prepare all young people for college, career, and citizenship in a global society. Students across our great nation deserve to have access to high quality social studies and science education to become historically literate, civically engaged and adept in the scientific method to understand and conquer the complex challenges of our society and improve the quality of life for all people as effective, responsible citizens.

It is my understanding that the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers hope to include social studies and science education in the Common Core State Standards Initiative. I also believe in the importance of including these subject areas and strongly urge you to replicate the process used to develop Common Core State Standards for English-Language Arts and Mathematics for the development of Common Core State Standards for Social Studies and Science.

Each new generation needs to be equipped with the knowledge of science, history, geography, economics, civics and government, social studies and scientific methodologies, in addition to the knowledge and skills embedded in English Language Arts and mathematics to meet the challenges of our highly technical society, make informed decisions about complex public issues, and develop a commitment to support democratic practices. With the development and adoption of Common Core State Standards in Social Studies and Science, we can achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Gene Wilhoit
Council of Chief State School Officers
Executive Director
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Washington, DC 20001-1431

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