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The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor of Oklahoma
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest multidisciplinary scientific society, I thank you for vetoing HB 2633, which contained the Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act.

As you eloquently explained in your veto statement, the bill could have forced schools—and in turn science courses—to give equal time in class to religious or other non-scientific viewpoints, a situation that would likely have invited costly lawsuits.

In vetoing the bill, you chose to protect the future of science education and technology-based industry in Oklahoma. For this, we join with scientists, teachers and students in expressing our appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan I. Leshner".

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