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"I am opposed to the Common Core standards.

-The Common Core standards were implemented haphazardly and without proper feedback from educators.

-Linking the common core to high stakes testing has caused it to be poorly implemented and created excessive tension for parents, teachers and students.

-We have a diverse state, from big cities to rural farming areas. Each area has a distinct group of learners and to try to unify the standards across the state and then link them to teacher score does not work. Teachers who work with students in need of special services and teacher in high performing districts get hurt by their scores."