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To,

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Sub: Place of Indian civilization and Hinduism in 7th grade World History.

Dear Dr. Thomas Adams,

We are writing as concerned parents of children in California Public School System. As parents of Hindu Californian children from a Hindu-Indian heritage, we feel it is important that the world history textbooks that they are reading are up to date and reflect positively on their cultural heritage. We are disappointed at the complete omission of India from the Grade 7 World History. Specifically, we find it amazing that Indian civilization has no mention in Global Overview from 300CE -1750CE, a time during which India held 24% of the world's population.

While 300-1300CE might have been an era of troubles in Europe and/or the Abrahamic world, it was part of a golden age for India and Hindu civilization. The period from 300-1300CE was a time when India flourished in empires, religion, commerce, science, technology, literature and art in ways vital to Hindus to this day. It was a time the Bhakti movement gained momentum. India was between 1/3rd -1/4th of the entire economy of planet earth in this period! It is not logical to ignore India and Hindu civilization in the World History from 300CE-1750CE.

We urge you to take the necessary steps in the current round of Framework revision to correct this egregious slighting of Indian civilization and Hindu culture in world history.

We hope that our children and their classmates will learn about the important role in history and the contributions of Hindu-India to the World.

Sincerely,

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