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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 106

March 2, 2022

Dear Superintendent:

Recently, the book *Gender Queer*, which graphically illustrates child pornography, was regrettably found to be in multiple Texas public school libraries. Sadly, we don't know how many children across Texas have been exposed to this obscene material, or others like it.

My colleagues and I understand preventing graphic materials from entering our public schools will be a multi-level process. Both local districts and the Legislature will be working diligently on policies to prevent such books from being allowed on campus in the future. However, we also acknowledge school districts have a lot of power in the market when purchasing books and that if we stand together against explicit materials for children, book vendors will be forced to adjust.

To combat this issue in partnership with you, my colleagues and I are requesting all Texas school districts sign the attached pledge stating they will not knowingly partner with, purchase from, or associate with in any way with a vendor who has supplied pornographic materials to schools, nor allow pornographic materials to remain on campus. Respectfully, I ask you to take this pledge on behalf of every Texas child in public schools who doesn't deserve to be exposed to obscene materials. Please sign and return this form on your school letterhead to my office by emailing Jared.Patterson@house.texas.gov.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Capitol office at (512) 463-0694. I look forward to receiving your commitment to protecting students from obscene and explicit content which has no place in the hands of children.

God bless Texas,

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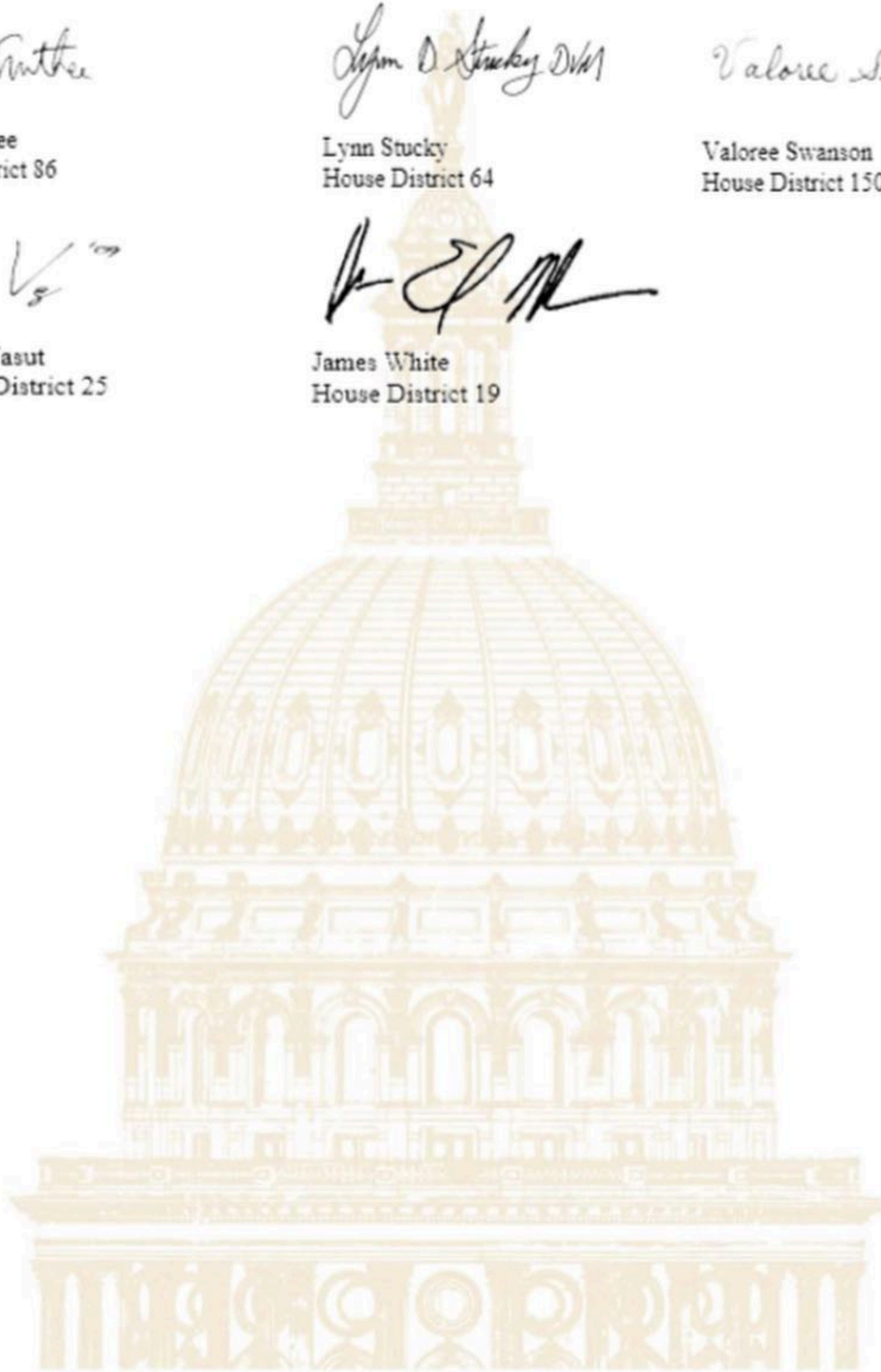
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From this date forward, _____ pledges to neither knowingly partner
(insert school district)

with, purchase from, or associate with in any way a vendor who has supplied pornography

to public schools. _____ also pledges to take all necessary steps to root
(insert school district)

out and remove explicit and obscene books, as such materials have no place in school district

libraries.

Date: _____