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## **IDnet ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF IDnet of NEW MEXICO**

Shawnee Mission KS. Intelligent Design network, inc. announced today that over 104 Scientists, Educators, Philosophers, Lawyers and others had endorsed its proposal to keep Naturalism out of science standards to be considered by the Kansas State Board of Education on February 13.

An IDnet letter delivered to the Kansas Board certifies receipt of 58 endorsements from persons holding doctoral degrees - 15 in the fields of biological sciences (biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, neurobiology, microbiology, plant pathology and zoology), eight in medicine, eight in law, six in chemistry, five in physics, 4 in philosophy, two in mathematics, two in education, including science education, two in psychology, one each in astronomy, oceanography, history of science and engineering, and two in other fields. Other endorsements were issued by 14 holding terminal master's degrees and 27 holding terminal bachelor's degrees in a wide range of fields, including four in geology and earth sciences.

"Most of the endorsements have come from throughout the U.S.," said John Calvert, an IDnet Managing Director. "A few others have come from Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany, indicating the global perspective of the issue."

"We are quite pleased with the response by the science community," said Jody Sjogren, also an IDnet Managing Director. "The endorsers include 34 college level professors and teachers as well as nine research scientists, eight physicians and health care professionals, six practicing attorneys, nine K-12 teachers and three school board members."

The IDnet letter urges the Kansas State Board to reject an effort by the Science Writing Committee to insert Naturalism into Kansas Science Standards. "Naturalism is a doctrine or belief that all phenomena result only from natural causes and that design inferences are invalid," said William S. Harris, PhD., the third IDnet Managing Director. Harris claims: "The definition of science proposed by the Science Committee just does not work in origins science. Our proposals explain in great detail the many logical, scientific, legal and cultural problems and consequences of teaching only a naturalistic account of origins to Kansas children. However, the Committee has avoided a discussion of these issues by improperly labeling the proposals as non-scientific simply because they don't yield naturalistic explanations. Hopefully the Board will give careful consideration to the significant body of credentialed scientists who disagree with the Committee's improperly narrow definition of science. If not, Kansas schools will lead our children to believe only a naturalistic account of their origin."

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Intelligent Design network, inc. is a member based nonprofit organization. IDnet promotes objective evidence-based science education with regard to the origin of the universe and of life and its diversity. It also seeks to increase public awareness of the scientific evidence of intelligent design in the universe and living systems.

Intelligent Design is a scientific theory that intelligent causes are responsible for the origin of the universe and of life and its diversity. It holds that design is empirically detectable in nature, and particularly in living systems. Intelligent Design is an intellectual movement that includes a scientific research program for investigating intelligent causes and that challenges naturalistic explanations of origins which currently drive science education and research.