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Senator Karen Carter Peterson  
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Dear Senator Peterson:

On behalf of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society, I write in support of your effort to repeal the Louisiana Science Education Act (LSEA).

The LSEA features language that could be used for the insertion of religious or unscientific views into science classrooms. The bill disingenuously implies that particular theories, including evolution, are controversial among scientists. In reality, the science of evolution underpins all of modern biology. The principles behind it have been tested and retested for decades, and it is supported by tens of thousands of scientific studies. Evolution informs scientific research in a broad range of fields such as agriculture and medicine, work that has an important impact on our everyday lives.

Before the LSEA passed in 2008, AAAS composed several letters and op-eds that discussed our concerns with the legislation. These are attached and can also be found on our website at [www.aaas.org/evolution](http://www.aaas.org/evolution).

Founded in 1848, AAAS has a longstanding interest and expertise in science education. We are thankful for your work on behalf of Louisiana students and stand ready to assist you in any way that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Alan I. Leshner