

**The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814**

August , 2012

Dear Governor Brown,

I sincerely request you to please sign SB1540 (Hancock) to allow authorization to the State Board of Education to complete the revised curriculum framework for history- social science for all California schools. This will bring substantial awareness about Sikhism, it's beliefs and culture.

As you may know that Sikhs are recognized by their distinct identity of sporting a turban and beard. Unfortunate events of the past, have made Sikhs easy targets for hate crimes, bias, discrimination and racial profiling, to say the least.

By agreeing to sign SB1540, you will be opening the doors to awareness training and education to our future generation. Children tend to carry the knowledge, concepts, and skills that they acquire at this age throughout their life. This will help build a strong foundation of tolerance and respect for other cultures and diversity. These are the same values which this great nation stands for and we want to ensure that they become a part of our children's education.

A wave of concern and fear now grips the Sikh community as number of lives been taken away are escalating. To name a few, I am sure you are aware of the incidents post 9/11, the fatal shooting of 2 elderly Sikh men while they were out for a casual walk in Sacramento and the recent massacre that took place in the Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) of Oakcreek, WI.

We urge you to be a part of this thus ensuring a safe and secure environment for your people to live in.

With Best Regards,

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