



GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

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February 22, 2021

Honorable Matthew Gambill
Georgia House of Representatives

Dear Representative Gambill:

As a social studies educator of 43 years, I am happy to know that on February 18, 2021, you filed legislation entitled the Georgia Civic Renewal Act forming a Georgia Commission on Civics Education.

If enacted, this Commission will have as its' purpose to:

- educate students on the importance of civic involvement in a constitutional republic,
- promote the study of local and state government, and
- enhance communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civic education.

The bi-partisan Commission will be composed of 15 members including civic educators, Senators and Representatives, a representative from the office of State Superintendent Woods, a Supreme Court Justice, representatives from the Georgia Chamber and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Randell Trammell, representing the Georgia Center for Civic Engagement. Although the Commission is limited to 15 members in size, the work of the Commission is not limited to those it wishes to reach.

As a social studies educator who was a classroom teacher, the Georgia Department of Education Social Studies Program Specialist, the Social Studies Supervisor for the Cobb County School District, and presently the executive director of the Georgia Council for the Social Studies, I can attest to the fact that funds are allotted for other content areas but the social studies are often overlooked. Civic Education in our state and country is vitally important to the advancement of the civic knowledge and skills of its' citizens. Funding for the social studies and civic education in particular, will assure that classroom time is dedicated to learning about government and citizenship including the roles and responsibilities of citizens.

Thank you for your interest in promoting the education of Georgia's citizens especially those who are currently in our classrooms. The work of the Commission has far-reaching implications that will influence generations of students for the good of our democratic republic. Again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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Honorable Chuck Payne
Georgia Senate

Dear Senator Payne:

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