

**PE1530/E**

Carol Bailey Email of 5 November 2014

Sir

I am writing in support of Petition PE01530.

Although I am not a Scottish resident, I am a Scot by birth, and remembering the history of Scotland's scientific innovation, realise how important a good scientific education is for the children of Scotland, and indeed, the world. So it is with dismay that I have become aware of C4ID's attempts to legitimise the teaching of young-earth creationism as science, in the same way as its sister organisation, the Discovery Institute, tried to do in America.

Evolution, common ancestry, and an ancient Earth are fundamental well-established scientific principles, and it is not difficult to see that the dogma of intelligent-design undermines the teaching of science, and has no place in the science classroom.

I therefore call on you to *urge the Scottish Government to issue official guidance to bar the presentation in Scottish publicly funded schools of separate creation and of Young Earth doctrines as viable alternatives to the established science of evolution, common descent, and deep time.*

With thanks

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