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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 12:16 PM
To: BOCC
Cc: Andy McKean
Subject: Liberty Day Institute
Attachments: 2015 One-Sheet Core Objectives.pdf; 501c3 IRS Determination Letter.pdf; Hick Bill of Rights Dec.pdf; 2013 CEA Letter.pdf

Dear Katherine,

I hope this email finds you doing well. My name is Jimmy Sengenberger, and I am the President of the Liberty Day Institute. I am following up on your telephone call a short while ago with our Founder, Andy McKean, regarding our request for support from the Gunnison County Commissioners toward our classroom civic education program in the county.

We would like to request that the County Commissioners contribute $500 toward our educational effort in the county and also to see if they might be available and able to **volunteer** to speak with local 5th grade classes about the U.S. Constitution. Attached, please find a one-page summary of our program and our 501(c)(3) nonprofit letter, as well as letters of support from Governor Hickenlooper and the Colorado Education Association.

You can also view a PSA we filmed with both Sens. Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5NlUFtVEGI

Please feel free to let me know if you should need anything else from us or have any questions. Thank you so much for your time and consideration!

Sincerely Yours in Liberty,

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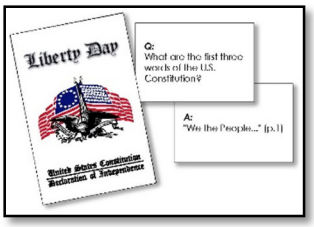

The Liberty Day Institute

5TH GRADERS ARE AMERICA'S FUTURE…

Since our founding in 1996, the **Liberty Day Institute** has been dedicated to giving students – particularly 5th graders – an immersive, educational experience on the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence.

We are a **501(c)(3), tax-deductible nonprofit** that provides teachers with the tools and materials they need to effectively introduce their students to the foundations of American government.

Our 19-year mission is to place within the hands of every 5th grade student a copy of the Declaration and the Constitution and 24 Q&A flashcards inside with facts taken directly out of the text of the Constitution, along with access to a suite of online resources for educators.

Our goal is to instill within each student an effective, introductory understanding of the foundations of our country. We also engage the community by recruiting volunteer attorneys, elected officials, college students, and others to speak to 5th grade classes about the Constitution.

Contact us today if you would like to volunteer to speak to a class or help distribute materials!

CORE OBJECTIVES

- Emphasize the unique nature of our democratic republic and the primacy of "We the People" as the focus of government
- Explain the individual rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights
- Emphasize the role of the Three Branches of Government and the Amendments to the Constitution in securing individual rights and checks and balances
- Explain the responsibilities of a citizen and underscore the role that responsibility plays in exercising your rights

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John Hickenlooper
Governor

December 15, 2014

Andy McKean
Founder and President Emeritus
The Liberty Day Institute
3443 South Galena Street, Suite 120
Denver, Colorado 80231

Dear Mr. McKean:

On behalf of the State of Colorado, it is my distinct pleasure to support the Liberty Day Institute in its efforts to increase civic literacy among the young people of our State.

Today marks the 223rd anniversary of the date when the Bill of Rights was ratified, and as such, it provides a fitting moment to learn and reflect on the cherished rights and duties embodied in the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution. By encouraging students to not only better understand this important document, but to also share and discuss it with their friends and family members, you are helping to plant the seeds of civic engagement in the next generation.

Once again, I thank you for everything you do to help educate and empower young people. You have my best wishes now, and in the years to come. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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February 2013

Mr. Andy McKean
Liberty Day Colorado
3675 South Tamarac Drive, Suite 320
Denver, Colorado 80237

Dear Mr. McKean:

Thank you for your recent call about Liberty Day. I believe that with citizenship comes responsibility. The only way we can keep our democratic values is to exercise that responsibility. It is exciting to know that your group is out there helping our young people learn about the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

As a high school social studies teacher, I know how important it is to instill in our students these democratic values. It's good to know that your group is helping to provide materials and activities that promote good citizenship.

As you know, several years ago the CEA Board of Directors voted to support your program by adopting the following resolution:

> ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT:***
> ***The Board of Directors of the Colorado Education Association unanimously supports the celebration known as Liberty Day Colorado.***
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> ***Further, the Board of Directors of the Colorado Education Association recognizes that Liberty Day Colorado is a non-partisan, statewide celebration of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and that Liberty Day Colorado is celebrated every year on March 16th, the birthday of James Madison, the Father of the Constitution.***
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> ***Further, The Board of Directors of the Colorado Education Association encourages members to participate in Liberty Day Colorado celebrations in their communities.***

We have shared your purpose with our members and will continue to do so in the future.

Sincerely,

Kerrie Dallman

Kerrie Dallman,
President

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170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated November 1999, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity during an advance ruling period.

Based on our records and on the information you submitted, we are pleased to confirm that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading between 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 1050 (DO/CG)