

**PE1530/W**

Estelle Wolfers Email of 8 November 2014

I am writing in support of Petition PE01530. While I do not live in Scotland (unless owning one fifty-second of a timeshare in Tayside counts) I love and admire Scotland and have great respect for its education system, which makes any possibility of its traditionally admirable schooling being hijacked by evolution deniers - who are linked to a particularly malevolent American organisation - all the more alarming. So-called creationism, or its slightly disguised offshoot 'intelligent design', are not valid scientific alternatives to evolution. As an American writer said recently, denying evolution is like denying the existence of Canada. In this context, I'd rephrase it as like denying the existence of Scotland.

Yours faithfully,

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