

PE1530/MM

David Milne Email of 29 December 2014

PETITION PE01530

re: The teaching of Creationism in schools.

I was dismayed to learn that the Scottish government appears to believe that there is not a problem with the teaching of creationism in schools, and is prepared to ignore the the distribution of highly divisive and wholly inaccurate books/pamphlets in a state non-denominational school in East Kilbride.

These contain writings that say that 'evolution is a lie and that radiometric dating is a trick to discredit God.'

As someone who has studied geology at university and has spent a significant proportion of my life keeping abreast of all the latest developments in the field of evolution, I cannot emphasise enough just how important it is to give our children a good, fair and balanced education. Our kids are our future and they depend upon us adults to ensure that their education is based upon truths and accuracies - in this particular instance - *scientific* truths and accuracies.

I would be most grateful if the Scottish government would review this situation and support a fair and balanced education for its young people, and not allow the views of a religious minority to influence the teaching of science.

With respect and my kind regards,

David Milne