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The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
U.S. Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Garland,

I am extremely concerned about a letter you recently sent out, which lays out the Department of Justice's schemes to prevent and intimidate parents from preventing and impacting their schools' decisions to brainwash our children with Critical Race Theory (CRT). Be advised, as I have previously written, Arizona will not tolerate any incursions on our state sovereignty, especially this latest attempt.

The Biden Administration may find CRT a useful manipulation to support its radical agenda, but many Arizonans and I see it as destructive and un-American. CRT is nothing more than the neo-Marxist idea of how race may have influenced the inception and history of our nation, building upon a misguided utopian dream of creating a new society based on class. Unfortunately, this radical concept is already threatening to consume many of our institutions – from the U.S. military, to our churches, our professional sports leagues, our legislatures, and our schools.

Arizona parents are rightly concerned and outraged by CRT being induced upon our schools and children. As a father of two daughters myself, I am encouraged that thousands of parents have awakened to this infestation of our children's minds and are standing up to school boards and university systems to stop this curriculum. The vast majority of parents are protesting in accordance with their protected constitutional rights; the few who cross the lines into violence are appropriately dealt with by local law enforcement and existing laws.

Your letter promotes a false narrative that most people who are against CRT are running afoul of our laws, and it further attempts to intimidate such parents from exercising their right to protest school board actions. This is a shameful attempt to force CRT upon our impressionable children, against the will of local communities. Parental involvement in our schools and society should be encouraged and commended. Government does not know what is best for our children, nor should it pretend that it does.

Attorney General Garland, it is clear that your Department and the Biden Administration more generally do not respect state sovereignty that was reserved to the states and the people according to our Founders' intentions. Nevertheless, Arizona will not stand by to allow your Department to intimidate parents and strip our state of all sovereignty. We will not tolerate this gross federal overreach and intimidation of Arizona families. I request that you rescind your letter and all plans to intimidate Arizona parents who care about their children's education.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Brnovich". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Brnovich