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USPIE awards August Millstone of the Month to NC Gov. Roy Cooper for using the power of the state to cancel the rights of parents

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COLUMBIA, S. C. — *United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE)* announces that the "Millstone of the Month Award" for August goes to North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper for vetoing a bill protecting parental rights. Along with vetoing the "Parents' Bill of Rights," Cooper also vetoed the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act" and the "Gender Transition Minors" bill. Calling the bills "triple threat of political culture wars," Cooper's decision to veto the bills confirms his commitment to squash a common-sense view of reality using the law as a weapon. Unfortunately, the North Carolina legislature does not have the votes to override the vetoes.

"Lawmakers like Cooper fail to consider the ramifications of their political decisions," said United States Parents Involved in Education (<u>USPIE</u>) founder and president Sheri Few. "By putting a political agenda ahead of the welfare of thousands of parents and children across the state of North Carolina, Cooper has effectively told North Carolina citizens that the government can do a better job raising children than their own parents. These vetoed bills, now effectively dead in the water, would have put much-needed safeguards in place for the betterment of millions of Americans. Cooper's actions, however, reveal that he cares more about political agendas than the wellbeing of his constituents."

The <u>Millstone of the Month</u> is a monthly recognition of an individual who is actively working to deceive, indoctrinate, or negatively impact children with leftist, anti-God propaganda. The name of the award is taken from Matthew 18:6, which says, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

USPIE's feature film, "Truth & Lies in American Education," uncovers the tragic truth about America's education system. Today's children are being indoctrinated by critical race theory, explicit sexual education, anti-American ideologies, and Marxism — all without the permission or knowledge of their parents. "Truth & Lies in American Education" delves into the toxic propaganda being taught to America's children and gives concerned parents and citizens the tools necessary to impact meaningful change right at the heart of America's schools.

"<u>Truth & Lies in American Education</u>" is available for streaming on <u>SalemNOW</u>, as well <u>available on DVD</u>. For more information about "*Truth & Lies in American Education*," click here.

United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) is a nonprofit, nationwide coalition that seeks to return education to its proper local roots and restore parental authority over their children's education by helping parents and local communities to escape federal and other national influences. It is the vision of USPIE to create a culture where parents, empowered with the authority to choose what and how their children learn, are the undisputed primary educators of their children, where local schools operate in support of families, and where education is unencumbered by federal mandates.

For more information on *United States Parents Involved in Education*, visit <u>www.uspie.org</u> or follow *USPIE* on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.

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