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## The California Textbook System: An Indictment of a Plan That Bars Free Textbooks, That Prevents a Democratic System of Local Adoptions, That Interferes with Our Educational Development, and That Costs the People Unreasonable

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