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Sir:

I want you to know that I am strongly in favor of the 9th Circuit Court decision to prohibit the "under God" phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I recall when I was in elementary school some 20 years ago, at no prompting from anyone, I always mouthed those two words under my breath, because, as my elementary school civics class taught, there was a separation between church and state in America.

I only recently found out that the phrase was added in 1954, in defiance of the "godless" communist threat. Well, **the Cold War is over**. In the current political and terrorist climate, one could easily argue that "God" is causing more problems for the U.S. than he is solving.

Thank you for your time,
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