

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lauren Seidel and I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the changes being purposed to the test reporting requirements in MN. I strongly oppose the proposed language. Specifically, I am concerned with the additional requirement of “proof of prior testing plan” and a “copy of the official test scores.” Why is this unnecessary new requirement being introduced at this time? To my knowledge, there is no credible evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is necessary or useful. This reporting requirement clearly contradicts the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which paved the way to simpler reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers. As a homeschool family, I do not want or need additional paperwork. This change to requirements would be a significant step backward for homeschooling freedom in Minnesota. It would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on Minnesota homeschoolers and districts. And, it could provide government officials or other agents with the unconstitutional authority to see private data. I strongly believe that parents should be the ones who decide how their children are educated! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lauren Seidel