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My name is Carley Sonnen and I am a homeschooling mother of five children. I am testifying my opposition to the section of the Education Policy Omnibus Bill that would require homeschoolers to include their students' test scores to the superintendent when submitting their notice of intent to homeschool.

This bill does not discuss any data privacy protections when submitting a minor's test scores to the superintendent. How will their privacy be maintained? How will it be insured that their information is not sold off to various companies for marketing purposes or future contracts with companies within the state or school districts?

The Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 13.32, subdivision 3 discusses some of the reasons data can be disclosed but it is not clear if this would apply to the testing information.

Thank you for your time,
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