

To whom it may concern:

I write in strong opposition to the education omnibus bill that contains enhanced reporting requirements for homeschool families. Of particular concern is the verbiage which follows:

*A letter of intent to continue to provide instruction must include a report to the superintendent with proof that the testing plan for the previous year was fulfilled as agreed upon, a copy of the official test scores, and information required in paragraph (a) for each student for the upcoming school year.*

The tumultuous year that has just passed has exposed significant flaws in the state education system. Many parents were regrettably forced into instant homeschooling, which is not to be wished on anyone. Many people, including teachers and administrators, worked very hard to do their best to educate their children and the children of other people. This is a terrible time to enact enhanced tracking of homeschool families. It appears to be a teachers' union power grab more than an exercise of care for children. There is no demonstrated benefit of this language, and it is a Pandora's box for further government intervention in the private lives of families.

I strongly oppose this language.

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