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To the House Education Policy Committee:

I am writing in regards to the Omnibus bill you are discussing on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, Article 2 section 9.4-9.7:

“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.”

As a previous homeschool student, who went on to graduate from Winona State University with honors, and as a current homeschooling parent, I feel that the proposed change listed above is unnecessary and burdensome to homeschooling parents and the school district alike. There is no evidence that this extra paperwork is necessary or helpful in advancing homeschooled children’s education. Ultimately, the education of our children is our responsibility and privilege.

I consider this a significant step backward in the progress that has been made in homeschooling freedom in our state, and I hope you reconsider this proposed change.

Thank you for taking the time to understand how the proposed changes in homeschool reporting will affect Minnesotan homeschoolers.

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