

March 9, 2021

RE: MN House DE Amendment (Education Policy Omnibus Bill)

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to voice our opposition to the additional requirement of “proof of prior testing plan” and a “copy of the official test scores” in the Omnibus Bill. A needed change in homeschool standardized testing reporting is not supported with credible evidence. Additionally, it will create the need for additional paperwork to be processed by both homeschool parents, as well as the school districts, who have previously concluded that this was something they did not want. Finally, please consider that this requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which provided for simpler reporting requirements for homeschools.

Sincerely,

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