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TO: House Education Policy Committee

With regard to the OMNIBUS BILL H1081DE1 I strongly oppose the proposed language:

*“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.”*

There is no credible evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is necessary or useful. Plus, this reporting requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which paved the way to simpler reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers. At that time, the school districts also concluded that they did not want to receive and maintain unnecessary paperwork from homeschoolers - nor do homeschoolers need or want the additional paperwork.

Thank you

- Steven Dimitroff