

To whom it may concern,

It is with unease that I heard of the proposed amendment known as the Education Policy Omnibus Bill. To require “proof of prior testing” and a “copy of the official test scores” would be an unnecessary burden to families in Minnesota who teach their children at home. In light of the recent and ongoing COVID situation, this is especially impactful as more people have chosen to keep their children safer at home while continuing their education. There is no credible evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is needed or beneficial. Lastly, this has the potential to give the government and other, outside agents, with the ability to view private data. Parents should have the freedom and right to choose how their children are educated. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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