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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in concern for the language used in the proposed bill regarding homeschool reporting. The proposal to report “proof of testing plan completed” and a copy of test scores to our school district is unnecessary. The idea of standardized testing is to “prove” to a teacher the aptitude of a student. If the parent is the teacher, there is no reason to share that information with the school district that the student doesn’t even attend! This is clearly an over-reach attempt that feels like an invasion of privacy.

There can be no credible evidence to suggest that there is a reason to change the homeschool standardized reporting requirements. In addition, the Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill of 2011 is much simpler for reporting. At that time – and I truly believe this still holds true today – school districts do not want to maintain unnecessary paperwork! What a waste of time of already overworked administrators!!!

This would be a significant step backward for homeschooling freedom in Minnesota. It would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on Minnesota homeschoolers and districts. And, it could provide government officials or other agents with the unconstitutional authority to see private data. Parents should be the ones who decide how their children are educated.

I ask that you leave the current requirements for homeschool reporting as they are; they have worked successfully over the last 10 years. Please reject the changes to homeschool reporting as proposed in the Omnibus Bill and continue to support homeschool families in choosing the education that best fits their child.

Sincerely,

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