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To whom it may concern:

I am writing today in response to the changes being proposed for home school reporting in the Education Policy Omnibus Bill. I strongly oppose the proposed language. Specifically concerning is the additional requirement of “proof of prior testing plan” and a “copy of the official test scores.” It is unclear why this is being reintroduced as a requirement and the change is necessary or useful. In addition, this reporting requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which allows for simplified and satisfactory reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers. There is no need for the additional paperwork and time devoted to these requirements when tests are part of a standardized system. That time can be used with our students. This measure would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on Minnesota homeschoolers as well as the school 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 am strongly opposed to this bill. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Joy Meyer