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To whom it may concern,

In regard to the Education Policy Omnibus Bill section stating homeschoolers would be required to include students' test scores to the superintendent when submitting their notice of intent:

This proposed change to the bill is concerning to say the least. It imposes more stringent, unnecessary requirements upon homeschool families. There is no credible evidence to support that homeschool standardized test scores need to be reported. This reporting requirement is in opposition to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill and would be a huge step in the wrong direction when it comes to homeschooling liberty in the state of Minnesota.

Not only would it be a major burden upon homeschool families but it would also be very cumbersome for the public school system as it would add to the workload of administrative staff to maintain this additional paperwork.

Parents should be the ones to decide how their children are educated; not the government. We know what our children need. Please continue to protect the rights of MN homeschool families by not adding the requirement of reporting test scores.

Thank you for your consideration.

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