

March 9, 2021

RE: Education Policy Omnibus Bill

Ms. Taken-Holtze,

Please include this written testimony in the virtual committee packet for the Walk through and public testimony of the Education Policy Omnibus Bill.

My name is Dan Osterberg and my wife, Heidi, and I are parents to three school-aged children. We currently live in Brooklyn Park, MN where we homeschool all three children.

My wife and I strongly oppose the proposed changes in line 9.4 - line 9.7 of the Education Policy Omnibus Bill reading as follows:

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.

These additional requirements are unnecessary and burdensome for both homeschool local school districts.

These additional requirements present serious privacy concerns regarding who will have access to my children's private data and for what reasons those persons would be granted access.

These additional requirements fly in the face of the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill.

For these reasons, my wife and I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the Education Policy Omnibus Bill. We ask that the committee members consider our right to decide how our children are educated and stand with us in opposing these unnecessary and burdensome requirements.

Sincerely,

Dan Osterberg