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Dear House Education Policy Committee members:

I am writing in regards to the language in the Omnibus bill that specifies the test reporting requirements for Homeschool students. I noticed that more requirements have been added specifically to report proof of testing for the previous year and the actual test scores.

I oppose these changes as it places more burden on homeschool parents for no credible reason. There is no evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is necessary or even useful. In addition, this reporting requirement is contrary to the 2011 Homeschool Mandate Reduction bill which paved the way to simpler reporting requirements for Minnesota homeschoolers. At that time, the school districts also concluded that they did not want to receive and maintain unnecessary paperwork from homeschoolers - nor do homeschoolers need or want the additional paperwork.

This would be a significant step backward for homeschooling freedom in Minnesota. It would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on Minnesota homeschoolers and districts. It is also intrusive into a student's (and a family's) private data for no credible reason.

Sincerely,

Clint Foster