

House Education Policy Committee,

I am writing to testify that I am against a portion of the Omnibus Bill you are reviewing. I have been homeschooling my child for 7 years. The wording in this bill states that along with the letter of intent, homeschoolers would have to also send proof of the standardized test with results. Back in 2011 there was a Homeschool Mandate Reduction Bill passed that made a way for easier homeschool reporting. What the Omnibus Bill is requesting is a step backwards for homeschooling freedoms in MN. It requires more work and paper handling on the school districts side. It also comes across as the government not trusting the parents to teach their children. As a parent, I want my children to succeed in all that they do. I ask that you please remove 9.4-9.7 from the Omnibus Bill.

I thank you for your time,

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