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To Whom It May Concern:

We are in opposition to test reporting requirements in the MN House DE Amendment (Education Policy Omnibus Bill). We are concerned with the additional requirement of “proof of prior testing plan” and a “copy of the official test scores.” We are not clear why this onerous new requirement is being reintroduced at this time. There is no credible evidence to suggest that a change in homeschool standardized testing reporting requirements is necessary or useful. Plus, 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. Parents should be the ones who decide how their children are educated.

Respectfully,

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