

I am writing to ask you to please vote Yes on Amendment HB 2655-3. No on Amendment HB 2655-4.

As many parents understand, the provision to opt out of SBAC and ANY standardized testing is a critical part of HB 2655-3.

Any attempt to limit that through state legislation (as in HB 2655-4) strips a parent's constitutional right to direct their child's education (14th Amendment).

I feel strongly that parents' rights to opt out are particularly important in the case of SBAC where there are clearly major issues with its content and implementation as have been broadly reported. The issues that most concern me include inappropriate reading level and content for grade levels, technology issues, equity across multiple populations, and the tests' design for failure of a majority of students.

Unless and until these issues have been addressed via open disclosure and discussion, the ability to opt students out of this testing is essential.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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