

I apologize for yet another addendum, but I have just learned that I support the -3 version of the bill. I oppose the -4 version. Thank you to Rep. Hack and Rep. Doherty for having their staff respond to my letters.

I am writing this as a follow-up to my earlier letter to add that the provision to opt out of SBAC and ANY standardized testing is a critical part of this legislation. Any attempt to limit that through state legislation is an attack on a parent's constitutional right to direct their child's education (14th Amendment). 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. These include equity, inappropriate reading level and content for grade levels, technology issues, equity across multiple populations, 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 this dubious and punitive testing is essential.

Sincerely,

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