

To the House Education Committee:

I would like to clarify my previous testimony, which I sent this morning (inserted below). I very much support a yes vote on amendment 3 and a no vote on amendment 4. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mario Peri

To the House Education Committee:

My name is Mario Peri and I am a teacher in Lake Oswego School District, and a parent of a junior at Grant High in Portland. I am asking you to support HB2655 as amended, to increase parents' right to opt-out of standardized testing and provide them with factual and balanced information about high-stakes tests. It is imperative that parents retain the right to direct their children's education and that the opt-out provision of this bill be included.

The Supreme Court of the United States has long upheld the rights of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children, initially in *Meyers v. Nebraska* (1923) and as recently as *Troxel v. Granville* (2000). The state of Oregon should be on the right side of the law. I appreciate the opportunity to give this testimony.

Sincerely,

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