

Dear Members of the Oregon House Committee on Education,

As a parent and as a licensed psychologist, I urge you to support Amendment 3 on House Bill 2655 protecting the right of parents to direct their child's education. After reviewing the data on the Smarter Balanced Assessments, I have very serious concerns about the validity and reliability of the tests being used to measure our children, our teachers, and our school systems. By ensuring that parents can make reasonable decisions about their child's education, House Bill 2655 protects both parental rights and children -- free of intrusive and inappropriate testing for corporate profit. We know that active, involved parents ensure the success of children. Amendments which interfere in parents being able to take a principled stance will also interfere with parents remaining active and involved because "it won't matter, the state will do whatever it wants."

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter.

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