

Honorable representatives,

Parents currently have the right to opt out of their children taking standardized tests. No law or amendment should be passed in Oregon to take away a parent's right to opt out. Rep. Reardon compared test taking to military service, which he failed to mention is voluntary service. There is no draft for the United States military! When there was a draft there was a terrible war: Vietnam. A better analogy would be to say that standardized testing and common core standards are the Vietnam of public education and we should opt out of before any more damage is done to our children.

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