

I write to you in support of HB 2318 which would eliminate all mandated standardized testing of our youngest students from pre-kindergarten through second grade. Standardized testing of children in second grade and below does not take into account that young children learn at different rates and in different ways. It is particularly prejudicial against low-income students and students of color and creates unnecessary stress and anxiety for young students. Teachers need to be able to use assessments that enhance the overall education of their students.

Respectfully,

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