

Members of the Senate Education Committee:

From a background of poverty and as a retired teacher of Writing, Literature, and Political Science at two community colleges, at the University of Utah, and at Washington University in St. Louis, I urge you to do the right thing and pass SB 596, the "Too Young to Test" bill.

Republican leadership and the extremely wealthy fear an educated, informed public with critical thinking skills. Currently owned by and working only for the 1%, the Republican Party has relentlessly attacked and defunded public education since President Reagan. George, Jr. enriched his brother Neil and his cronies by foisting this astoundingly expensive and totally useless testing scam on public schools.

Its results predict, as would Zip codes, only the wealth or poverty of the school's neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

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