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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3624

I am writing as a homeschool parent to ask you to oppose HB 3624. House Bill 3624 may sound helpful but in reality it is not. I choose to homeschool because I do not want the government regulating my children's' education, HB 3624 puts my freedoms at risk. Current law allows me to choose what test version I would like to use, the location my child is tested and neutral person to test my child. HB 3624 shifts this control over to the ESD. This bill would also normalize that idea of homeschoolers should be dependent on the state. When we choose to homeschool, we knew it would come with finical commitments, these are commitments I and many other homeschool families are happy to make to ensure our children receive the education that best fits their needs. Lastly, I have watch other states implement programs to "help" homeschool families, these programs are almost always followed by the local government increasing their mandates on homeschool families, thus ultimately stripping parents of their rights to homeschool their children in the way they feel best fits the needs of their children.

Again, I ask you to oppose HB 3624