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Chair Wagner and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

I am writing in **support of SB 433**. This bill adds needed clarification to the Student Assessment Bill of Rights (HB 2655) that was passed in 2015. Many people who supported HB 2655 in 2015 have been very disappointed in the way that the State Board of Education and school districts have interpreted HB 2655 and feel that, in many cases, the purpose of the bill has been undermined.

The purpose and efficacy of statewide standardized assessments is highly controversial, especially for younger students. Standardized testing in schools should operate under the principle of informed consent. Parents should receive the information that they need in order to act in the best interest of their children and be given ample opportunity to opt their children out of assessments that are not developmentally or otherwise appropriate. As I stated in my testimony to the State Board of Education in October of 2015¹ the right of a parent to safeguard the welfare of their children is not in question. Parents do not deviate from the standard school program unless there is a compelling need to do so.

Please support SB 433. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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1. https://www.oregon.gov/ode/about-us/stateboard/Documents/October%202015%20meeting%20documents/public-comment_lisa-shultz_hb-2655.pdf