

I am writing in support of SB 602 to remove the sunset on the requirements for allowing families to opt out of standardized testing. I have been an educator for 13 years and during my time teaching secondary students I have seen the stress and anxiety that surrounds many students when these tests arrive. While standardized tests are intended to be useful data, they're instead archaic, biased, and take time away from real teaching and learning. These tests are created by for-profit companies who are the ones pushing politicians to use their products in exchange for campaign support and dollars. Families deserve the right to make the choice about whether or not their student should participate in these tests. This original legislation was groundbreaking in the world of education and Oregon led the nation by creating choice and opportunities for families to decide. You MUST pass SB 602 to maintain this choice for families and show that you want to do what is best for students moving forward.