

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education:

Thank you for allowing me to address Representative Nancy Nathanson's HB 4124. I am so proud that she has taken the reins to introduce it to the legislature.

We truly need accountability with standardized testing in Oregon. As a substitute teacher and tutor for children from Kindergarten through High School, I experienced for more than twenty years the emotional stress, loss of self-motivation, failure and too many of our youth "fall through the cracks." I have witnessed quality teachers quit because they can no longer teach a curriculum where they help their students thrive. It was heartbreaking to have Kinders come up to me and tell me how much they hate school when Kindergarten is a time for our children to learn to "love learning!" It's been devastating, and this simple bill is designed to help us find some accountability for the testing that is taking place of a holistic curriculum needed to help our children become successful adults who will contribute to society in positive way.

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