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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education,

I urge your support for SB 1583. There may have been good intentions 20 years ago when we started down the path of summative testing, but the damage it has done to our public education system is now apparent. The time and resources that have been wasted on the Smarter Balance system has done great damage to our education system. We need to be enabling the joy of learning and creativity of students and teachers. More resources and time needs to be made available for civics and the arts for all students, if we are going to develop the caring, innovative society we want for the future. We need to be enabling formative assessments and focus less on summative testing just to gather data.

Sincerely,
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