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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3624

Dear Senate Committee on Education:

I oppose this bill as it allocates funding to a program that is optional. Taxes are designed to go to public good, such as public school, that everyone can access. Homeschooling is a choice to opt out of that system that we have all agreed is public and available to anyone. If the fees associated with the tests are too much, then scholarships or grants need to be allocated to the program. However, I don't feel this should be a requirement for the departments as they already operate on skeleton budgets and frequently face budget deficits. This will only further stretch their budgets for students that they are potentially not working with at all. I don't feel this is a good use of funds since homeschooling is an option outside the publicly funded system.

Thank you.