



Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I'm writing in opposition to SB16-005. As a 9th grade teacher, I believe that state testing, specifically PARCC testing, sets students up for success. To begin, this truly rigorous test assesses students' skills, skills that they need to be prepared for college. Without this test, we truly can't gauge where our students are on their path to college. Moreover, the data from these tests helps inform instruction and areas for growth for students. As a teacher, it gives me an opportunity to target my instruction. Additionally, it is crucial that students know where they are at early on their high school career so they can be prepared for college.

This is the second year of PARCC's implementation and we are already talking about changing the testing system. To say it plainly, the test is good, and as legislators, you should give it a chance. This test could drastically change the lives of many of my students, simply because it is preparing them to get to and through college. This is why I strongly oppose SB16-005 and I urge you to oppose this bill as well.

Sincerely,

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