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To: OPI Waivers
Subject: No Double Testing
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the waiver to be sent from Superintendent Denise Juneau to the U.S. Department of Education to eliminate double testing of Montana students in the spring of 2014. By eliminating the MontCAS (except Science) and including all students in the field test of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), we will be giving a state test that is aligned with the Board of Public Education's standards, unlike the current CRT.

This waiver will allow teachers increased time to focus on instruction under the new quality and effective Common Core State Standards, rather than on administering duplicative assessments, one of which is no longer aligned with the Montana Board of Public Education's standards.

I respectfully request that you grant the State Superintendent's requested waiver.

Respectfully Submitted,

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