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To:	OPI Waivers
Subject:	Support for waiver from double testing
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To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing to support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver of its obligation to administer the CRT test this Spring. I am interested in effective assessment of learning but it makes little sense to require the CRT test in addition to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test.

A variance will provide the U.S. Department of Education with an opportunity to reduce red tape and increase flexibility for schools as we transition to the SBAC test. If granted, it will allow me to focus on instruction under the new standards, rather than spending time on duplicative assessments, one of which is no longer aligned with the Montana Board of Public Education's standards.

I ask you to grant the State Superintendent's requested waiver.

Sincerely,

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