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To:	OPI Waivers
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To Whom it may Concern:
I am writing to support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver of the obligation to administer the CRT test this Spring. Our schools will begin field testing the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. I am very much interested in effective assessment. Using the SBAC test, which is aligned with the Board of Public Education's standards makes more sense.

This variance request provides 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 teachers time to focus on instruction under the new standards, rather than on administering duplicative assessments.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Wilding, Superintendent,
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