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I write to support the waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education from Superintendent Denise Juneau to allow Montana students to participate in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) field test in the spring of 2014. The approved waiver would permit students to take the new online assessment rather than the Montana Criterion Referenced Test (CRT).

Approving the waiver request would provide added instructional time through elimination of double testing of students and an opportunity to test computer hardware and networks. Additionally, this would provide quality professional development for teachers and administrators, an effective and efficient transition to the new assessment, and an opportunity to assess Montana students on standards currently being taught in Montana classrooms.

Sincerely,

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