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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the request for a waiver from State Superintendent Denise Juneau to the US Department of Education to eliminate the current obligation of the CRT test this spring. This year, out schools will be testing using the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. The elimination of the MontCAS prevents double testing, and provides more instructional time with less time spent on test administration.

The new SBAC test is aligned with the Board of Public Education's standards and will provide valid assessment of effective learning. The intent of this variance is to provide greater flexibility as the transition is made to the SBAC test. By granting this variance, teachers will have the ability to adapt instruction to the new standards rather than using time for administrating CRT assessments, which are not aligned with the standards set by the Montana Board of Public Education.

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

Respectfully yours,

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