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This email is being sent in support of the double testing waiver being sent by Denise Juneau, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the U.S. Department of Education. If present policy prevails, Montana students will be double tested in the spring of 2014, costing students and teacher valuable instruction time. That time would be far better spent on additional instruction, and students would be less subject to test weariness which affects scores.

I would encourage the Department to allow all students to participate in the field testing of the new SBAC tests. This experience will benefit students, teachers, and administrators. It is also important that Montana students are well represented in the field testing to ensure that the test itself is fair to our students.

Finally, I support continuing the improvement status of schools from the 2012-2013 school year. It is imperative to support students and educators in this beneficial school improvement effort.

Sincerely,
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