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To:	OPI Waivers
Subject:	I support Waiver for Spring CRT
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Hello,

I am writing to support the State Superintendent's request for a waiver of the obligation to administer the CRT test this Spring as our schools begin field testing the new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test. It makes little sense to continue to require the CRT test, which is not aligned with the Board of Public Education's standards, while we are also administering the SBAC test, which is aligned with the Board of Public Education's standards.

This variance request provides the U.S. Department of Education with an opportunity to reduce red tape and facilitate our transition to the SBAC test. This would allow teachers increased time to focus on instruction under the new standards, rather than on administering duplicative assessments, one of which is no longer aligned with the Montana Board of Public Education's standards.

Please grant the State Superintendent's requested waiver.

Respectfully,
Marianne Llewellyn