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As a teacher of 34 years' experience in Montana, I am writing in support of the waiver to be sent from Superintendent Denise Juneau to the U.S. Department of Education to eliminate double testing of Montana students in the spring of 2014. In 2003, when I was ending my teaching career, I could see the testing looming on the horizon for the seniors that I taught. Although I had made my decision to retire earlier, I also knew that I could not go along with the testing environment that I saw developing. Students need to do more than be prepared for tests. Without the double exams of NCLB, students will have more time for real instruction. I think having all students participate in the field testing of the new SBAC tests will provide valuable experience for the students, for teachers, and for administrators, so they will better know what to expect the next year. It is also a good idea to have all our students and schools represented in the field testing to make sure it is well-suited and fair to students in our state.

I think educators, in general, will continue to support school improvement, and educators and students will continue to benefit from those efforts.

Sincerely,

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