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To:	OPI Waivers
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Topic: OPI waiver for Montana

To Whom it may Concern:

I am the superintendent of the Livingston School district. I know that the our State Superintendent has requested 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. As a superintendent, I see many advantages of moving to the SBAC this spring. I believe that taking two high stakes tests this spring would be poor practice.

Please allow this variance request. If granted, it will 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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