

April 2, 2013

Your Name

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The Honorable _____

Texas House of Representatives or Texas Senate (delete one or the other based on who you are writing)

Office Address of Representative or Senator (delete one or the other based on who you are writing)

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

(In your first paragraph include personal information, such as . . .) I currently have children in both elementary and middle school. Recently, I have become very concerned about legislative impact on education especially where state standardized testing is concerned.

Texas school children are currently subjected to 17 state exams *before* high school. Children as young as 9 are taking tests that determine grade placement. Schools are being rated based on measures that do not take into consideration the growth of students as they progress through their education, their learning abilities, or their interests.

I ask that you support sharply decreasing the number of state standardized tests Texas children are subjected to throughout their educational careers, not just in high school. While I understand the need for checkpoints, school should be more than a series of benchmarks, tests, and state tests, which it has become. I would be able to support up to three tests in reading, math, science, and social studies before high school.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Your Name