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RE: H340 An Act Relative to a Moratorium on High Stakes Testing and PARCC
DT: 27 May 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Education,

Thank you for considering bill *H340, An Act Relative to a Moratorium on High Stakes Testing and PARCC* before your committee today. I am a co-sponsor of this important piece of legislation and I respectfully request that you report it out favorably and expeditiously.

This bill would do two main things. It would place a moratorium on the implementation of the PARCC test. Additionally, it would remove MCAS as a requirement for 10th grade graduation. The idea behind this bill is teachers are being force to teach to a test rather than truly educate our children. I have spoken with teachers in my district; they too support this bill, especially special education teachers who feel that standardized testing interferes with special education learning.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Once again, I urge you to report out favorably *H340, An Act Relative to a Moratorium on High Stakes Testing and PARCC*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Heroux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Heroux