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DO NOT PASS HB 1490

Chairman Heinert and members of the House Education Committee:

I am writing you today to encourage a **DO NOT PASS** vote on **HB 1490**. This bill begs a couple of very important questions:

1. **Who pays for the testing?** I see there is no appropriation to school or DPI to conduct such tests.
2. **What is done with the data?** Who owns it after the tests are conducted?
 - a. There are valid concerns for privacy of the individual and the privacy laws that could be broken if data is mishandled.

These questions alone should be enough to kill this bill. School counselors **are highly educated professionals** who have trained for years to do this very important and sensitive job. **Our schools would suffer without them.**

Again, I encourage you to **DO NOT PASS** on this bill. Show school counselors that you value them as professionals and vote no.