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TO: Senate Education Committee

FROM: Kenneth R. Willard, State Board of Education, District 7

SUBJECT: 2016 Senate Bill 444

It is an honor to be here to offer a suggestion on 2016 Senate Bill 444 concerning early language assessment and program development.

Senate Bill 444 is a very complicated and challenging issue which we believe needs to be studied and resolved. The State Board of Education has a proven history of working through similar issues such as Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI). We recommend that this bill be referred back to the State Board for study with recommendations submitted in a report to the 2017 Legislature.