

March 16, 2021

Dear Representative Sanchez,

As a rising educator, I thank you for pushing to replace the edTPA performance assessment with a new testing alternative as there is a lack of personal connection and knowledge between proctor and student in our existing exam system. This has a negative effect on the score student teachers receive, which stunts them from reaching their full potential as an educator.

As a rising educator, I feel that edTPA makes it financially harder for students who are already in debt.

As a rising educator, I appreciate your commitment to replacing edTPA. I worry that the expectations of EDT will take us away from the very meaningful experience of student teaching and field work.

As a rising educator, I feel that edTPA will add pressure onto work that will already consume me.

As a rising educator, I feel that there may be more effective assessments that help prepare teachers to really impact the lives of their students.

As a rising educator, I believe that edTPA will become a stress factor for those pursuing an educational career.

Sincerely,

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