



Old Dominion Association of Church Schools

The Honorable _____
General Assembly Building
Capitol Square
Richmond, VA 23219

January ____, 2015

Dear Senator _____,

As a member of _____ Baptist Church (or _____ Christian School), which is a member of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools, I would like to express my concerns about SB 905. We feel that the bill is unnecessary. It will do nothing to improve academic quality in non-accredited private schools. Instead, it will merely add more state oversight in an area where it is not needed, and another task to a Department of Education which is not seeking this authority.

Attached to this message is a chart showing last year's achievement testing results for ODACS. Though the results include scores from both accredited and non-accredited schools, more than two thirds of the schools included in the statistics are non-accredited, and the quality demonstrated by the charts is indicative of the quality in both kinds of ODACS member schools. The Stanford Achievement Test, published by Pearson, is a well-known and highly respected instrument. SB 905 seems to be addressing no known problem. Are there non-accredited private schools using achievement tests that are inadequate?

I thank you for considering our perspective.

Sincerely,
