May 5, 2014

Gery J. Chico, Chairman
Illinois State Board of Education
100 North 1st Street
Springfield, IL 62777

Subj: Public Records Request – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test

Dear Mr. Chico:

The Goldwater Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan educational research organization. We research and author articles and papers on wide areas of public policy, including education reform.

Illinois law and public policy require open and transparent government. To that end, Illinois has broad public records laws favoring disclosure of records made and kept by government agencies. See Illinois Freedom of Information Act, codified at 5 ILL. COMP. STAT. 140.

Pursuant to Illinois Freedom of Information Act, we respectfully request the following public records in your custody:

Copies of the PARCC tests previously administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Electronic production of records and information is preferable and acceptable.

I request your response as soon as possible. If responsive records cannot be produced within ten (10) business dates, please contact me with your progress and expected completion date.

Additionally, if some records are available prior to the production of other records, please provide on a rolling or continuing basis as the records are available.

This request is for a non-commercial purpose, and copies of records will not be used for a commercial purpose.

I am willing to pay $25 for copies of the public records requested. Should the cost exceed this amount, please give me an estimate of the total cost before proceeding to make copies of the records. Please note, however, an agency may not charge a fee for any search costs incurred when producing public records. See 5 ILL. COMP. STAT. 140/6.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602.462.5000 or JRiches@GoldwaterInstitute.org.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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Attorney