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Date 10/14/09
SUBJECT: Keystone Exams

Dear IRRC,

I am opposed to the proposed changes to Pennsylvania's Graduation requirements that include Keystone Exams, and I ask your support for any legislative initiative that will block their implementation or development. I further ask that you oppose any plans to fund the development of these tests. Schools already have enough testing data to know which students need additional support without an expensive new system that threatens student graduation rates.

A VOTE FOR THE TORSELLA KEYSTONE EXAMS IS A VOTE:

- TO **punish kids** in YOUR district who don't test well.
- **AGAINST local control** of YOUR teachers and school boards to determine student grades and to decide who is eligible for a diploma.
- FOR a new **unfunded mandate** for YOUR school districts.
- FOR increased school **property taxes** for YOUR taxpayers.
- FOR **\$201 million** of increased taxpayer-funded state spending.

THIS IS NOT A COMPROMISE!

YOU HAVE BEEN **ELECTED TO REPRESENT US**. PLEASE REPRESENT US BY **VOTING TO STOP KEYSTONE EXAMS** AND TO REMOVE THE FUNDING FOR THE EXAMS FROM THE BUDGET. You can stop the Keystone Exams by voting in favor of the Ori/Saylor Bills or the Clymer/Youngblood Concurrent Resolution.

Yours truly,
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