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Dear IRRC Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for the recently-submitted regulations to establish stronger, consistent statewide standards for high school graduation. These regulations will ensure that high school graduates from across the Commonwealth will be better prepared to enter manufacturing careers and to continue their education. Pennsylvania must institute these new standards if the state is to compete in the global economy.

These tests would be given at the end of a course, the best time to measure a student's grasp of the subject; any student failing any subject area would receive immediate remedial help and the chance to re-take the test. Bravo, we want the kids to know the subject.

These tests would replace both current final exams and the 11th grade PSSA exams.

We need and want students trained in the basics to succeed in the manufacturing, business and institutional world of today and tomorrow. We currently get students who apply for work who do not know the basics of a high school education. Our factories of tomorrow will require CNC and CAD and problem solving using basic skills learned in algebra, English and social teamwork.

I have given testimony for and support the Keystone Exams.

Please vote in support, Thank you,

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