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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 the workforce and to continue their education.

In a recent poll, 80 percent of state business leaders said they support these exams to ensure high school graduates have the skills and knowledge they need to be effective when entering the job marketplace. Currently, there are too many unprepared or underprepared graduates entering the workplace. Pennsylvania must institute these standards if the Commonwealth and its businesses are to compete in the global economy.

I urge you to approve the Keystone Exam regulations, which will lead to better lives for our young people and a better workforce for our businesses.

Warm Regards,
Denise McCloskey