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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commissioners:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the Keystone Exams as a high-school graduation requirement for Pennsylvania students.

There are too many unanswered questions about the purposes and costs of the Keystone Exams, and about how they would be implemented. In short, the benefits of the Keystone Exams do not outweigh their considerable costs.

I would prefer instead that the \$231 million cost of the Keystone Exams be used to strengthen individual school districts and/or to help more Pennsylvania students obtain the International Baccalaureat, a high-school diploma that is indeed "worth something."

For these reasons, I am respectfully asking you to disapprove of this proposed new graduation requirement.

Sincerely,

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