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Another support letter for the Keystone Exams

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Ron,

In support of the Keystone Exams...

To Whom It May Concern:

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.

I am currently a teacher in the Commonwealth and outside school, I interact with youth on various levels, including hunting and fishing. I have seen the change in the quality of our students and believe that something needs done to ensure that our graduates are prepared to enter the workforce.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education found that 40 percent of students failed to test at grade level proficiency in at least one major subject area on 11th grade PSSA exams. In addition, those students graduated with no proof that proficiency was ever attained.

Pennsylvania must institute these new standards if the state is to compete in the global economy; therefore, I encourage you to approve the Keystone Exam Regulation.

Sincerely,

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