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To: IRRRC Board Members

As Director of YorkCounts, one of the largest quality of life improvement initiatives in the state of Pennsylvania, I am writing today in support of the current proposal to strengthen high school graduation standards in the Commonwealth.

YorkCounts has been working for over a decade to improve educational opportunities and strengthen community across York County. We believe that with improved opportunities also comes improved expectations. While we believe that there is much more to be done by the Commonwealth to improve opportunities for all children within Pennsylvania, we also believe that by raising the bar on graduation standards we are letting children know that we are expecting the best of them as well.

YorkCounts represents a large number of corporate employers and organizations, all of whom need world class trained employees. We would like to see standards raised so that we are not looking beyond Pennsylvania's borders to find our employees of tomorrow.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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