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**Subject:** Comments on Proposed Graduation Competency Assessment

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State Board of Education  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed because students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.

I am opposed to double testing of our students.

I am opposed because GCAs do not test our students on relevant 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

Sincerely,

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