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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs. As a parent of a student with learning disabilities, I feel that this requirement unfairly discriminates against children with different learning styles. With two children who are dyslexic and one with ADHD, I can appreciate that not all children can perform well on standardized testing. In addition, my school district, TESD, provides a very high level of education with nearly all children attending college. With this testing, some children might not be able to attend college even if accepted. Lastly, this testing would require even more time spent on testing and dictated curriculum which is already overwhelming in the form of PSSAs. The GCAs seem to me to be a duplication of effort already underway.

While I know there are some school districts that do not offer the same level of superior education that TESD does, requiring the GCAs across the board is not the right solution. Perhaps schools that fail to meet other standards would be required, but not all schools.

Most sincerely,

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