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**Subject:** GCA Testing

To Whom it May Concern:

As my elected representative or regulatory agency, please be aware that I **strongly** oppose any additional testing of our kids in public school. The proposed additional testing will only mean fewer days of actual instruction, and adds even more difficulty for kids who have special needs. Testing is stressful, particularly for kids with special needs or learning difficulties. And all of our kids need more time in instruction by our first rate teachers. We do not need Graduation Competency Assessments !!!! We do not need our excellent (and well paid) teachers spending more time monitoring exams !!! Let's have them teach !!! If for some reason we need to take time away from actual instruction, it should be for foreign language exposure, more art, more physical ed, or something truly useful. Not more testing by bureaucrats. The kids are already tested numerous times during the school year, and any interested (or awake) parent can discover how their child is doing. The government should use the data already available through the current testing to get the information it feels it needs. I have never seen any evidence that more testing means better students, better teaching or better outcomes. Enough with the testing !!!

Sincerely,

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