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

I am writing to express my opposition to GCAs.

Today's students do not need additional tests - they need more and better trained teachers who are flexible in their skills and are able to meet the needs of diverse learners. Every dollar and man hour that will go towards the creation and implementation of these tests could be better spent on teacher training and or enhanced learning facilities.

Therefore, I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.

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

Sincerely,

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