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Subject: Opposition to GCAs

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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed for the following reasons:

- 1) We already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. I am opposed to double testing of our students. Students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.
- 2) 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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Tredyffrin/Easttown resident

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