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Subject: Opposition to GCAs

State Board of Education
333 Market St.
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners such as my daughter. Also, we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. There is no need for double testing of our students.

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. You need to manage the incompetent districts and not try to legislate a one size fits all approach. Shame on you.

Most sincerely,

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