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State Board of Education
333 Market St.
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, PA Legislators, and State Board of Education Members,
I am **writing to express my support** of the GCAs.

I hope that GCAs will be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.
I have lived in other places that have high school exit tests and still other places that do not have such tests. I think that properly formed, exit tests such as the GCAs can benefit the citizens of Pennsylvania.

As an educator at the postsecondary level, I daily see students who are insufficiently skilled to pursue college and university coursework. They particularly need fundamental reading, writing, and math skills, but they also need basic critical thinking skills, communication skills, citizenship skills, nutrition skills, parenting skills, domestic finance skills, and employment skills.

Thank you for having the courage to follow this highly unpopular course in your efforts to make Pennsylvania a better place for everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Vincent Riley, Jr.

A resident of Tredyffrin-Easttown School District, Chester County, PA

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