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**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.us**Subject:** Graduation ExamINDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing to say that I am **NOT** in favor of a state required graduation exam. Students are required to take testing throughout all of their school years and I do not believe they need to also take an exam in order to graduate. The last year of high school is very busy for senior students preparing for college, business or trade school. They are required to take SAT and ACT tests for college admission. Fill out endless forms for financial aid that get them no where because they do not qualify and can't get financial help anyway. I do not believe they need more stress added to their already busy lives in order to take a graduation exam that will prove nothing. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Bistline

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