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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I object to this proposal.

My fear is that these tests will discourage students who are not strong in a particular field. For instance, the student who is strong in English but struggles in Math and Science.

Standardized academic tests are only a snapshot of a student's performance. It is dangerous to rely too much on one test. We should rather, consider an individual's work ethic and performance over time. There are many students who we should not give up on or discourage just because they have trouble with one standardized test. It would do them and our state a disservice.

Please use these funds to bolster our programs instead wasting them on more tests!

Amy Gallagher