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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2008 12:00 PM**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.usINDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** Stop the insanity

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am contacting you regarding the proposed regulations being considered in Harrisburg for Graduation Competency Assessments. I do not believe this type of additional high stakes testing is going to help our children to be better prepared to compete in the global marketplace. The money being wasted on more tests could be used more effectively on so many other programs in public education. This insanity must stop. We need support for early childhood programs and special education funding, infrastructure and more. The list goes on and on. However, the legislature continues to push this agenda to give more public funds to testing companies and their testing preparation products that schools are spending precious funds to get the children to pass these tests. Please stop the insanity.

I have three sons who graduated from high school and managed to gain post high school training to become productive workers in Pennsylvania without the need to take a test to graduate high school. What might have happened to them if they had been pressured to take these tests and not passed? I don't support this legislation. In fact, I believe it could be destructive to the educational process.

Sincerely,

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