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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Pennsylvania high-school teacher for the last 22 years, I am strongly against the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments. Only academics actually "in the trenches" with today's students can realize the scope of education they are receiving. Unfortunately, these proposed tests would not be suitable for the 21st-century students but probably more appropriate for students of the 1970s. The state requires today's students to pass enough high-caliber academic courses, courses not required when most of us were in high school, that the GCAs would be a waste of time and money.

Sincerely,

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