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**Subject:** I oppose the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments

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State Board of Education

ATTN: James Buckheit, Executive Director  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Re: Proposed Chapter 4 Regulations  
Graduation Competency Assessments

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I write you this letter in opposition of the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments that are being considered. As the parent of a student who does not particularly "test" well, this could be devastating. My son has been an honor roll student his whole life. He works hard to do well. However, his standardized test scores do not reflect this. When he receives his test results, he is always frustrated and defeated. Another standardized test would be a nightmare.

As a teacher, we spend so much time in preparing students for the PSSA's. Isn't this enough? I would prefer that monies be spent on reducing class sizes. In my classes, technology education, those that are under 17 students do much better and those students are much more successful than those classes with sizes of 25 or more. I see that data before me on a daily basis.

Please do not approve this proposal.

Thank you.

Karen Moore Nash  
Technology Teacher  
Marple Newtown School District

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