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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments.

Currently, our children take standardized tests (i.e., PSSAs) which fulfill existing requirements for assessing basic knowledge levels. More testing will not change the competency rates of our children but rather take critical time away from teaching and learning. It's already well known which schools and/or districts require attention and which impart a basic competency. More testing will not provide different information but rather the same information, with unnecessary implementation costs and additional lost teaching time.

Therefore, I strongly oppose the proposed Graduation Competency Assessments and urge the state to instead focus our limited resources where they will have the greatest impact. More testing is not an efficient or effective use of these resources.

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