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Hello, my name is Ron Phillips and I am a high school math teacher at Kennett HS in Kennett Square, Delaware County, PA.

I'm writing you this quick message to voice my strong support for GCA's. I received a message today asking me to tell you how much against GCA's I am, but that would be a bold-faced lie. I love the idea of GCA's. I don't care about how a student scores on their projects and class grades if they can't pass a simple exit exam. I don't care that they've been in school for 12 years if they still can't read.

The bottom line is that we live in a high stakes world. Maybe if we had a standard exam, certain kids would take their studies more seriously. As it stands, a high school diploma is hardly worth the paper its printed on. I say we make it worth something again.

Hooray for GCA!!

Sincerely,
Ron Phillips

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