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REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** Competency Assessments

Hi!

I am writing to express my deep concerns about a competency assessment for graduation from Secondary school. My first concern arises from being a parent of a student who struggles with exams. We need to recognize that all students have talent and not all that talent can be showcased by an exam. There are many students who excel in other assessment areas for instance, writing, projects, etc.... My second concern comes from the school nurse realm and the question is: do we really need to put more pressure on these students? I see so much stress in these children, and they really still are children, that it seems irresponsible to change the rules on them and ask yet another test to be written and passed. The health of our children in this country is far more compromised than at any other point in modern history. Please encourage our legislators to look at the big picture. We need healthy children to become healthy adults. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Vicki Embiscuso, CSN

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