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*Dear Sir:*

*I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposed GCA which will add another layer of "high stakes" testing which will open or close the door to their future.*

*Unintended consequences would be the increase in the high school drop-out rate as a result of students seeing no possibility of meeting graduation requirements in courses they never took or didn't pass in high school. A one system fits all approach would not meet the needs of Vocational-Technical students, special education students or give students a variety of methods to show their proficiency.*

*More instructional time would be "lost" to teach to the tests or remediation. So very much is already lost with the mandated testing that already exists.*

*The primary goal of education and schools is to challenge the individual student to develop their unique abilities in order to contribute to the community; however, the current proposed plan (GCA) would permit only one way for students to demonstrate their proficiencies.*

*Only one pathway to graduation seems wrong headed.*

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