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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

As a high school teacher in the state of Pennsylvania, I am in opposition to the Graduation Competency Assessments. I teach learning support students. These students would be exempt from scoring Proficient in the exams. However, they would not be exempt from taking the exams. How do you expect students to do well on tests in which they have never been instructed. How do you expect them to feel good about themselves if they must take the test but can't understand them. Please reconsider your position on Graduation Competency Assessments. These tests will do more harm to the Pennsylvania public schools than good.

I trust You will listen with you r heart and do what is best for the youth of Pennsylvania. May God bless and guide you as you make all of your decisions.

Sincerely,

Theresa Saunders