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The idea that a state level exam can improve education by offering these exams is ludicrous. I offer you a personal example.

My neice in NY state has a mild form of autism leaving her functional but limited in her ability. Passing the state exam in NY has become a HUGE burden for her because of her condition. Most colleges and scholarships require that it is passed even those colleges offering programs for mildly autistic children. This is a terrible hardship and an unintended consequence of this ridiculous requirement. Please keep PA out of this pathway.

If politicians want to focus on education, continue to fund teachers so we can continue to attract and retain quality people. Continue to fund resources (OTHER THAN ATHLETICS) to ensure that academic success is achieved.

Thanks.

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