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Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing to inform you that I oppose the use of GCA's. Requiring students to have a certain proficiency score in order to receive a high school diploma is unfair. There are many children who display their competency in other academic ways. As a teacher I do not always rely on how a child performs on a pencil and paper test as an accurate judge of knowledge. Please consider how this change will affect many students in a very serious way. The drop out rate will increase. Some students will feel a sense of defeat and quit school early rather than wait around in hopes of receiving a diploma. Help our students by decreasing the class size number.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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