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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Hello Jim !

I am writing today to express my opposition to the Graduate Competency Assessment Program. I feel that these tests will only lead our teachers AWAY from teaching a well rounded, meaningful curriculum, and TOWARD stressing test taking skills and "teaching to the test". This will significantly hinder our children'

thinking skills, which is so very important to the success of a student in his future.

I also feel that the \$48 million dollars projected to be spent on this initiative would be so much better spent INVESTING in the higher level learning of our students!

Please forward my opinion to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the House and State Education Committees.

Thank you so much for taking the opinions of your state residents into account when legislating for US!!

Sincerely,

Karen A. Dionise

6/5/2008