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Subject: Graduate Competency Assessments

State Board of Education
333 Market St.
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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs, and I am opposed for several reasons. Initially, I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. Secondly, the addition of the GCS battery reduces the number of instructional days and would impose an unreasonable load of high-stakes testing on students who are already facing a burden of stressful standardized tests. Thirdly, unlike a school district's own local proficiency assessment, GCAs do not offer the flexibility to meet the needs of students who have different learning styles and do not permit assessment of students in non-traditional ways. Please consider the negative impact that our students will face by adding another set of standardized tests into our already tight curriculum.

Thanks you for your time.

Sincerely,

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