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Dear Mr. Buckheit, and State Board of Education Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams.

I am opposed because the addition of the GCAs further 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.

I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of diverse learners.

Most sincerely,

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