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**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2008 11:30 AM**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.usINDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** Graduation Competency Assessments

Dear Mr. Buckheit,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Proposed Graduation Competency Assessments. My feeling is that our children are being tested too much to begin with, interfering with classroom instructional time. I would rather have my children being taught more and tested less. Learning is the main purpose of a Public School Education and should be re-enforced rather than diminished based on subjective tests that have minimal bearing on the overall education of our children. These tests only scratch the surface of the true education and retention of what our children learn on a daily basis and cannot accurately measure the full extent of their ability to learn and perform on a collegiate and/or self-sufficient level.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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