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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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**Subject:** Graduation Requirement

Dear Madame or Sir:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the Graduation Competency Assessment that is being considered, for the following reasons:

- 1.) PSSA tests are already in place to monitor student achievement and to monitor individual school districts.
- 2.) Some students are better test takers than other students.
- 3.) Teachers will be forced to teach curriculum to another test.
- 4.) It is not fair for a student to be accepted into a college or university, and then not be able to attend due to one test.
- 5.) Taxpayers are contributing enough money to tests that are already in place throughout the state. Taxpayers should not need to spend additional money on more tests.

Thank you for considering opposing point of views when considering this mandate.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gantwarg

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