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

Additionally, we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exam and I feel that we would be double testing our students. The students in our district are already reach proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. It seems that we continue to add tests without considering the impact preparation for the tests has on learning time in the classroom.

Most sincerely,

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