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

I am writing to express my opposition to the GCAs.

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I am opposed because GCAs will not be provided in a format that meets the needs of special education students.
I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams and the PSSA tests are based on a student's grade not learning level.
I am opposed to double testing of our students. I am opposed because the majority of students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment.
Personally, a student can pass the PSSA's and still be in need of remediation.
I am opposed because GCAs are just another series of tests and valuable class time will have to be diverted to prepare students to take these additional tests.

Most sincerely,

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