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**From:** Angela Frey [atfrey@hotmail.com]**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2008 6:38 PM**To:** j buckheit@state.pa.us**Subject:** Oppose GCA'sINDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Mr. Buckheit,

Please report my opposition to GCA's and do what you can to ensure GCA's do not find their way into our schools. As a parent and an educator, it is unfair to our children and students to make them take Graduation Competency Assessments. Students are already working to earn good grades to graduate high school. Our curriculum is rigorous and students should be able to earn a high school diploma for the work they completed in their coursework. To say that a student who has completed their coursework with passing grades, but cannot graduate because they did not earn a proficient on a GCA is not only ridiculous, but it teaches our children that only the GCA matters. It teaches our children that one test can cause them humiliation and failure that can last a lifetime. We should be teaching our children that one test or one event, should not define whether or not they are a success. Our children each have unique personalities and different talents...not everyone excels in every subject. This test could mean that a child who is gifted in Language Arts, but struggles with numbers, could fail high school. What kind of a message are we sending our children? Yes, we want everyone to succeed and do well in all subjects, but we cannot agree with a regulation that bases our students' high school success or failure on one test or even one set of tests. Please do what you can to oppose GCA's.

Thank you,  
Angela Frey

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