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

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed implementation of the GCAs. Our children have to endure several standardized tests throughout their educational career and many perform under their potential due to stress. It has been documented often that standardized exams are not the best gauge of a student's aptitude.

Another concern is that classroom time will be spent prepping the students for these exams which do not necessarily reflect subjects they have studied. PSSAs are already given and prove our schools are on par.

Please reconsider your proposal as it seems to most to be a waste of money as well as precious classroom time.

Thank you,

Claire Kennedy