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Dear Mr. Buckheit and Honorable members of the PA House and Senate,

I'm writing to oppose the passage of any legislation regarding Graduation Competency Assessments. Our state has already spent too much money and time creating and administering tests under NCLB. If the PSSA testing that PA taxpayers have already funded with tens of millions of dollars is inadequate to indicate competency at graduation, what makes anyone believe spending more money and time will create a better test with different results?

I am opposed to our legislature and public schools spending any more of our precious resources to probe more specific and particular data in each subject area because no practical good comes from collecting this information. The time and money spent on testing in my district and most districts is substantial. We do not need to waste more resources measuring understanding. We need to be allocating those dollars and spending that time creating and delivering meaningful curriculum that motivates and inspires students acknowledging that they are not the sum of their weaknesses. Rather they are a unique collection of strengths - strengths that *will* craft the future.

Respectfully,

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