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

I am writing to express my opposition to the Graduation Competency Assessments ("GCA"). I am opposed because we already test our students in math, reading and science through the state PSSA exams. By every quantitative measure, my children's school district, Tredyffrin Easttown, is near the top in the Commonwealth and students in our district are already reaching proficiency in reading, math, and science either through the PSSA exams or through a comprehensive, local assessment. Double testing of our students is a waste of valuable classroom time that would be needed to prepare the students to take these additional tests. Additionally, I am opposed because GCAs do not test our students on relevant 21st century skills.

Please do the right thing and strike down this proposed legislation.

Most sincerely,

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