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Dear Mr Buckheit:

I am opposed to the idea of requiring yet another hurdle to the process of obtaining a high school diploma. The percentage of young people who successfully complete this process is disappointing as it is, and I don't believe this will help in any constructive way. We already have extensive PSSA testing which consumes considerable time and resources. Adding yet another test does not seem to me to be the way to go.

In addition to the differences in all students, special education students and students with exceptions would be again at a disadvantage in their goal of achieving a diploma. I suggest not adding another roadblock to an achievement we should be helping them toward.

Sincerely,

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