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I am opposed to the proposed changes to Pennsylvania's Graduation requirements that include Keystone Exams, and I ask your support to block their implementation or development. I also ask that you oppose any plans to fund the development of these tests.

**THIS IS NOT A COMPROMISE!**

YOU HAVE BEEN **ELECTED TO REPRESENT US**. PLEASE REPRESENT US BY **VOTING TO STOP KEYSTONE EXAMS** AND TO REMOVE THE FUNDING FOR THE EXAMS FROM THE BUDGET. You can stop the Keystone Exams by voting in favor of the Ori/Saylor Bills or the Clymer/Youngblood Concurrent Resolution.

I feel this would be detrimental to the kids in your district who do not test well. It is an unfair system that does not provide flexibility for kids with different needs. Voting for the Keystone Exams would be a vote against local control of your school boards and would increase school property taxes.

I also feel this would be unfair to the kids who do test well. If the tests are standardized according to the minimum requirements for graduation for all kids, my children would receive higher marks than they should. My daughters do very well in school so if their final grade may have been an 87, for example, this exam accounting for 1/3 of the final grade could make it much higher.

**Please represent us by voting to STOP Keystone exams** and to remove the funding for the exams from the budget! You can stop the Keystone Exams by voting in favor of the Ori/Saylor Bills or the Clymer/Youngblood Concurrent Resolution.

Thank you,

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