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Ladies/Gentlemen:

I am writing in protest to accepting the Common Core curriculum for Pennsylvania schools. We don't need more under-educated children. We need to challenge students and let the crumbs fall where they may. Like a chemical fracking tower, different products will come off at different levels. We used to accomplish this by putting students with those of similar learning abilities and excellent students were turned out. Then someone got concerned that some students feelings might be hurt if they were perceived to be somehow 'less' than another person. I disagree, but even if it is true it can't be used as an excuse for denying the better achievers from achieving their full potential and that is what the Common Core curriculum will do. No two people are created the same, have the same aptitude or interests. To fill the more demanding jobs we are already turning to foreign countries to get their best and brightest students. How do those students get to that status?, they are in school systems that put students with those of similar learning abilities and they are challenged to achieve their full potential without worrying about whose feeling may be hurt if they can't keep up with the brightest or may be relegated to lower paying jobs. Common Core cannot make the lesser student into anything more than they are capable of, but it can destroy many potentially great students by relegating them to the lesser levels of the under achiever.

Bottom line: Common Core threatens to dumb-down curriculum standards, take away local control, and collect personal data on every student and their families (which is no ones business). And the government will take even more hard-earned tax dollars to do it! In the end, nothing will be accomplished other than full employment for better educated foreigners.

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