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Greetings. I have done extensive research on the Common Core State Standards and have come to the conclusion that they are bad for Pennsylvania and our children. Besides the numerous teachers across the country and the parents, more specifically in New York, we cannot let this continue. We all hear the rhetoric of how it is "state-led" but we know that is clearly a misdirection when you look at the facts. It is not considered state-led when you have 2 special interest groups including the National Governors Association, and the CCSSO hatching this plan at meetings that are not open to the public (the NGA only meets twice a year anyway). But when the NGA creates another non-profit company called Achieve, that doesn't answer to voters or parents, is put in charge of everything related to the creation of Common Core - we know there is misdirection occurring. Shall we talk about all of the big corporations involved? Bill Gates, his foundation, and Microsoft? Exxon? GE? State Farm? I haven't even gotten to the actual standards yet. Unproven, and not yet tried anywhere in the world. Teachers are being told that it's ok if a student gets a wrong answer as long as they are "thinking correctly". Seriously? I have the video. And in addition to state-led I hear "they are not a curriculum". More misdirection. Why are the same consortium involve in the writing of the standards re-writing all of the standardized tests? And now the SATs? David Coleman - Google him. I will not have my daughter grow up in the Common Core system. If you want to have a reasonable conversation with parents and teachers, who were NOT involved in the creation of Common Core, fine. Let's talk. But otherwise I will move out of Pennsylvania and go to one of the states that has rejected the new standards. Not only that, but I will stop at nothing to education everybody on why they are bad. Oh, and let's not forget the other little agreement Pennsylvania made when they agreed to the Race to the Top funds from the Recovery Act of 2009 - setting up a data longitudinal system. Data mining. I know what's happening and we WILL not let it continue in Pennsylvania. STOP COMMON CORE NOW!!!!