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I was a teacher in Pennsylvania for 35 years. My experiences were at the primary level as well as University level. Please do not allow this to become law. This is a bill being pushed through with very little consideration for the students.

If we are trying to increase school dropout rates, Raise property taxes (this bill is unfunded by the government!), and continue teaching to the test without regard for curriculum strength, this bill would accomplish all of the above, allowing Pennsylvania to slide down the slippery slope of failing to educate all students. Once again the government is still working at keeping people in the grip of poverty. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has lost respect from the public. The lack of consistency in leadership, and the lack of knowledge about educating our children and the cost of education leaves me bewildered. How can you make such a lifechanging decision for our children. You are leaving the children of Pennsylvania in the dust. One more reason for the citizens of PA to see that you are trying your best to rid Pa of its duty to support public education. I am very thankful that my children are grown and completed their PA education at a time when the state was much more aware of the importance of public education to the state, the nation and the world.

Reorganize yourselves, establish some leadership at the state level before your attempt to destroy the public education opportunities for our students.

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