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Dear IRRC,

Reference IRRC Number 2976

We respectfully request that you STOP the process of implementing National Standards in the State of PA. I do not believe that your efforts to implement these standards are in the best interests of the Citizens of the state of Pennsylvania. I resent the back door approach you are using to get this implemented while everyone's attention is focused on the election. There has been NO open and transparent public debate on the national standards or their impact. There has been only one outside analysis done on the costs to PA taxpayers. The Pioneer institute says it will cost us over \$650 million to implement this initiative. The costs to school districts and to tax payers and property owners is unacceptable. Why has this been so secret? Why have there been no open and transparent debate on national standards? I request that Pennsylvania join the other states that have stopped their headlong rush into national education standards.

The idea of National standards is alarming. And to take any and all controls away from our state is even more alarming.

We cannot just blindly go into this program without more information and time to inform the public as to what this is all about. \$650 million dollars is just to big a cost to just sit back and not want to know ALL THE FACTS.

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