

STATE SENATOR  
**JANE CLARE ORIE**  
40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

SENATE BOX 203040  
ROOM 362, THE STATE CAPITOL  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120-3040  
717-787-6538 • FAX: 717-787-8625  
E-MAIL: [jorie@pasen.gov](mailto:jorie@pasen.gov)  
WEBSITE: [senatororie.com](http://senatororie.com)

LA CASA BLANCA BUILDING  
9400 MCKNIGHT ROAD, SUITE 105  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15237  
412-630-9466 • FAX: 412-635-2199

2525 ROCHESTER ROAD, SUITE 207  
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA 16066  
724-776-3500 • FAX: 724-776-3582

DEC 17 2010



**Senate of Pennsylvania**

**COMMITTEES**

RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS,  
VICE CHAIR  
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
AGING AND YOUTH  
FINANCE  
JUDICIARY

JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE AUTISM  
COMMITTEE, CHAIR  
LUPUS, CHAIR  
AMERICAN-ITALIAN CAUCUS  
ARTHRITIS AND OSTEOPOROSIS CAUCUS  
FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES  
CAUCUS  
HUNGER CAUCUS  
IRISH CAUCUS

**COSPONSOR MEMO # 5**

**TO:** ALL SENATORS  
**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie *JCO*  
**DATE:** December 16, 2010  
**RE:** **Moratorium on Keystone Exams**

I will soon be reintroducing a revised version of **SB 281**, which would amend the School Code by prohibiting the development of statewide graduation requirements (Keystone Exams), including the expenditure of funds to do so, prior to the General Assembly specifically granting the authority to develop such requirement.

With federal rejection of Pennsylvania's Race to the Top application and a \$4 billion budget shortfall, I believe now is the right time to halt the development of the Keystone Exams, particularly as a new Administration will be taking office and looking for savings.

**SB 281** was cosponsored by Senators Alloway, Baker, Brubaker, Dinniman, Earll, Eichelberger, Erickson, Folmer, Greenleaf, Leach, Logan, McIlhinney, Pileggi, Pippy, Rafferty, Robbins, Scarnati, Smucker, Ward, Waugh, M. White, and Wonderling.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kacie Morrell at 787-6538 or by email at [kmorrell@pasen.gov](mailto:kmorrell@pasen.gov).

JCO/ns