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## **DOES WITHDRAWAL FROM PARCC PASS THE SMELL “TEST”?**

Marietta, Georgia — Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Georgia is cautiously optimistic on the announcement by Gov. Nathan Deal and State School Superintendent John Barge to pull Georgia out of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing consortium. While CWA of Georgia is encouraged that Gov. Deal and Dr. Barge continue to listen to Georgia citizens on this critical education issue, the decision still does nothing to remove Georgia from the Common Core State Standards and student data-tracking system.

“Removing Georgia from the PARCC testing consortium is a positive step to regain control over testing,” says Tanya Ditty, State Director for CWA of Georgia. “Our concern is that the Governor and Dr. Barge continue to want to shackle our students with unproven, untested, and unvetted standards in Math and English language arts.”

CWA of Georgia believes the citizens of Georgia have a right to demand world-class, state-directed standards through a transparent, democratic process. They also believe that educational sovereignty must be returned to its rightful owners, the parents of Georgia.

“There is still work to be done on the Common Core,” says Ditty. “Legislation must be passed to withdraw Georgia from the Common Core standards, any national tests, and the intrusive student data-tracking system. Only then will Georgia be totally liberated from the Common Core scheme.”

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