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"As a mother, grandmother, School Nurse and a voter, I am compelled to voice my stand AGAINST COMMON CORE. This is the newest disasterous way to raise a generation of uneducated people. Not only does it take a longer, convoluted way to solve math problems, but it causes frustration and errors that need not occur. Did you never hear of KISS - Keep it simple, Stupid? Also, many subjects can be taught through reading..and phonics expands the learning potential. If you can read, you can learn anything. And, then tying this to a teacher's rating?!! Teachers have their students for less than 8 hours a day - their parents, who should be the child's main teacher, has them the rest of the time. Teacher's now just don't teach subjects, but manners, courtesy, empathy,etc. If everyone was rated by others who have no idea of what the job entails, there would be a large outcry!! Let's use some common sense...if a child is not learning the basics in Grades K-2 -- the child isn't being reenforced at home or has a learning disability ..instead of passing him along, find the problem, and correct the problem. Don't blame the school or the teacher automatically.. You need to teach the basics in K-5, and you won't have a problem later on..Also and Equally Important is Discipline and Accountability for the Child and their parent -- yes, the school and teachers, too... Accountability, Discipline, Education = Success"