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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor  
State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the Executive Council of the New York State AFL-CIO, and the 2.5 million members represented in our public sector, private sector and building trades unions throughout this state, I am writing to bring to your attention the attached resolution.

Today, the federation's Executive Council unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the Executive Budget proposal in S2010/A3010 on education reform.

The specific provisions, as currently written, would undermine the due process rights of workers in the effected schools, and ultimately allow for circumvention of the collective bargaining process for all union members who have contracts within those schools.

As such, I respectfully request that you remove S2010/A3010 from the state budget.

I also urge you to include educators in the process toward improving our public pre-K through post-graduate schools and universities, and enhancing education policy. I am confident that by doing so, you will be able to work toward real solutions that will help make our pre-K through post -graduate public schools and universities the best they can be.

Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Mario Cilento  
President