



June 2, 2017

Hon. Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

As the voice of New York State in Washington, we are coming to you to express our concerns about the detrimental effects that President Trump's budget would have on New York's children, adults and communities, particularly those in economically disadvantaged situations.

If these proposed cuts become reality, gaps and inequity in education will grow, eliminating the progress we have worked so hard to gain. After-school programs, teacher preparation and even library funding will be eradicated if this budget is passed. Children will cease to have outlets for further growth beyond the classroom. Vital community and arts programs will no longer be a resource available for children. Neighborhoods from all ends of the state will be left to suffer the consequences of a thoughtless and irresponsible budget. And these dire effects would not just be felt in New York State, but harm the nation as a whole.

As advocates for New York's children, we are urging you to stop these cuts from becoming a reality. We must put our children first to prevent life-shattering consequences for those who cannot yet speak for themselves. New York's children can't afford to lose more than \$430 million in resources for education. Please join us in telling President Trump his budget is dead on arrival.

Sincerely,

Betty A Rosa
Chancellor
New York State Board of Regents

MaryEllen Elia
Commissioner
New York State Education Department

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