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Dear _____,

Date _____

I am writing to express my concern about the **2010-2011 Proposed Executive Budget**

The proposed 2010-11 Executive Budget reflects a 2% reduction of all school spending statewide. Individual school districts would see a reduction of state aid averaging 5%. Universal Prekindergarten aids would be frozen for two years. Full phase-in of the foundation formula would be extended to 2016-17. These programs cannot wait and must be fully funded. The education, health and welfare of children are essential to the future of our state. Our investment in public education empowers our children to achieve their potential and become productive citizens who participate in our democracy. On behalf of the 346,000 members of PTA, we ask you to fully fund the education budget.

Name: _____

Address: _____



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signed: _____

Dear _____,

Date _____

I am writing to express my concern about **Charter Schools**

In order to make NYS more competitive for federal Race to the Top grant funding, Governor Paterson proposed raising the cap on charter schools. NYS PTA acknowledges charter schools as an avenue of school reform and supports actions that rationally invest in innovative educational approaches. However, we oppose the governor's proposal to lift the charter school cap without changes that would hold charter schools to the same principles of equity, educational and fiscal accountability and local control required of all other public schools. As a member of NYS PTA I ask that you support only those budget allocations that ensure these principles through the wise investment of new resources for education initiatives that produce measurable sustainable gains for all students. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Name: _____

Address: _____



Signed: _____