

Dear Assembly Member/Senator _____:

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and Senator Patrick Gallivan introduced bi-partisan legislation in their respective houses that will fully end the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) for 2015-16 and thereafter. The respective bill numbers are A.2271 and S.2743

Both Assemblywoman Woerner and Senator Gallivan are seeking co-sponsors of their bills from both sides of the aisle. Therefore I am contacting you to strongly urge that you sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill in your House.

I am making this direct request and appeal to you because the GEA has been devastating to the students of the _____ School District since it was introduced in 2010-11. Over this time we have had to cut both staff and programs, and that has significantly eroded the educational opportunities of our children.

(Consider adding some brief, but specific ways that GEA has had a difficult impact on your students and district. For example, “our district is no longer able to offer AP programs,”)

As the budget negotiations play out in Albany, we call on you to affirm your support of this important bi-partisan effort and help move it along to a successful conclusion, so that our children may receive the educational opportunities they deserve.

Thank you.