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## SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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February 20, 2006

Dr. Catherine Collins, Board Member-at-Large  
Buffalo Public Schools  
65 Niagara Square  
City Hall, Room 801  
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Dr. Collins,

I want to commend the Buffalo Board of Education for its efforts and thank you for sending me a copy of the final report of the Charter School Moratorium Task Force.

A member of my staff requested a copy of Gary Crosby's presentation to the board back in January. We incorporated some of his findings into a paper on charter schools entitled: "Taxation without Representation: The Reality of Charter Schools." The brochure has been sent to Governor Pataki, members of the legislature and the Board of Regents. I have enclosed a copy for your review.

The Association will be joining with other members of the Educational Conference Board next month to urge the Legislature to resist any effort to raise the cap on charter schools without first reforming the law.

Your help is critical to our efforts. We must all work together to ensure that this educational experiment not be allowed to continue at the expense of public schools.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Kremer  
Executive Director

cc: Buffalo Board of Education  
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