

Sample E-Mail or Letter to State Legislators — Full Eradication of the Gap Elimination Adjustment

Dear (Senator/Assembly Member) _____

I am a (Parent, School Board Member, Community Member, Business Owner, Teacher, etc.) in the _____ School District.

I am writing to ask you to please take a stand on behalf of (my/our) children by fighting for the complete eradication of the Gap Elimination Adjustment in this year's state budget.

Over the four years that the Gap Elimination Adjustment has existed, the _____ School District has had over \$ xx million deducted from the state aid we were legally entitled to receive. This loss forced our district to cut jobs, educational programs that our kids need and deserve, and to ask for more help from our taxpayers than would have otherwise happened.

We stand to have another significant amount of funding again deducted from our state aid this coming school year if nothing happens.

The loss of these dollars deny our students the educational opportunities that they are entitled to receive. Worse, with Governor Cuomo taking credit for a state budget surplus, why is there still a need to deduct from our state aid to fill a gap that no longer exists?

I join with the many other people in my community who care about our children and schools to strongly urge you to do your part in bringing this harmful fiscal practice to the end it deserves.

Thank you,
