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Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS Capital Building  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District is sending this letter in support of Bill No. A05773 which would allow school districts to hire School Safety Officers and exempt the salaries of said hired School Safety Officers from the tax levy limits.

We, as a Board, believe that the safety of our students, faculty and staff is of the utmost importance to our district; however, it should not come at the expense of our district's ability to deliver meaningful instruction to all students, ~~to provide our special education students with the resources and staff they need to be successful~~ and to offer school-related activities to our students. We agree that "if extra school safety personnel are a necessity in a school district, the school district should not have to sacrifice instructional programs that would have otherwise benefited its students."

We are encouraging you to sign this bill into law so that school districts, like ours, do not have to choose between the safety of our students, faculty and staff and the ability to deliver a quality education.

Sincerely,

WCSD – Board Of Education  
John Lumia – President

cc: Assemblyman – Kieran Michael Lalor  
State Senator – Sue Serino  
Assemblywoman – Didi Barrett  
New York State School Boards Association  
New York State Education Department  
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