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Open Letter to Governor Cuomo -- The New York State DREAM Act

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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: **Open Letter -- The New York State DREAM Act**

Dear Governor:

With great concern and disappointment I am writing you today. On March 27, 2012, during a press conference regarding budgetary agreements, you were asked about your support of the **New York State DREAM Act**. My disappointment was sparked by the implication that it is not worth your support because it cannot offer citizenship. Though, you later stated that you support the concept of “creative ways to incentivize education for new immigrants.” I

would like to take this opportunity to clarify any misconceptions you may have about the state [NYS Dream Act](#) as proposed by my bill [S4179C](#). I am concerned that on one hand you state that you fully support it and you support creative ways to incentivize education for new immigrants, yet you are not supporting it. Let me take this opportunity to clarify....

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