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Hon. Cathy Nolan
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Dear Chairwoman Nolan:

I am contacting you regarding a recent study pertaining to New York's Common Core testing and its effect on anxiety in schoolchildren. I feel compelled to bring its contents to the attention of the recently assembled Common Core Task Force.

Composed of research by the New York Association of School Psychologists and the New York State School Boards Association, this report includes alarming statistics that may indicate a relationship between poor state-test scores and high levels of *state anxiety* – the type of anxiety associated with student testing. Please see the link to the article attached: <http://bit.ly/11VK7db>.

I am deeply concerned about the future of Common Core's high-stakes testing, performance-based teacher evaluations and the future of public education. As lawmakers, it is our responsibility to keep the best interest of our students, teachers and families in mind as we craft legislation regarding our state's education system. I encourage you and each Common Core Task Force committee person to review the attached study, as these unsettling statistics provide important insight into the psychological impact of state-mandated exams.

Please help keep learning enjoyable in New York State. Thousands of schoolchildren are depending on us. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this study further, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

Chad A. Lupinacci
Member of Assembly