

Supporting Passage of the New York for All Act (S.2235/A.3506)

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Dear Tess,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement in support of Legislator St. Jean Tard's resolution endorsing the New York for All Act.

On behalf of **Literacy Buffalo Niagara**, we are pleased to express our strong support for this resolution. Our organization serves adult learners throughout Erie County, many of whom are immigrants and refugees striving to build stable, self-sufficient lives through education and workforce participation.

Our mission is grounded in the belief that people learn and thrive when they feel safe engaging with schools, public services, and community institutions. Policies that promote trust and dignity are essential not only to individual success, but to the health of our entire community.

For these reasons, Literacy Buffalo Niagara supports this resolution and the New York for All Act's commitment to clear, statewide standards that protect civil rights and foster inclusive communities. While we are unable to attend the April 16th meeting in person, we respectfully request that this statement be entered into the record.

Sincerely,

Literacy Buffalo Niagara

Tara Schafer

Executive Director