



October 25, 2021

Re: House Bills A6142A, A6153A, A6225A, and A08222

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the National Association for Media Literacy Education, we write today in strong support of Assemblymember Rosenthal's Media Literacy Bills (A6142A, A6153A, A6225A, and A08222) that enhance efforts to ensure all students in New York State become more media literate with the help of teachers and school library media specialists.

The **National Association for Media Literacy Education** is a national organization dedicated to media literacy. We believe media literacy education helps individuals of all ages develop the habits of inquiry and skills of expression that they need to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, and active citizens in today's world. As the largest national membership organization that focuses solely on media literacy education, we support the efforts of our members and the dedicated educators around the country to ensure students are equipped with the skills they need to participate productively in today's digital and media saturated landscape.

Supporting Media Literacy Education efforts like the ones outlined in House Bills A6142A, A6153A, A6225A, and A08222 for grades K-12 is of utmost importance. We commend the work of NYS educators and legislators for their deep commitment to these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Ciulla Lipkin".

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