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I am writing to you as a constituent in your district who is disappointed in Governor Corzine's proposed education budget, which contains a cut of \$11 million in nonpublic school accounts. In addition, the budget includes a reduction in transportation services to children in your area. The budget, as currently proposed, eliminates the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative and the 30-mile extended distance for nonpublic school transportation. In the face of this cut, the Governor's budget contains a \$304 million increase for public school students.

I urge you to propose amendments to the budget to address this inequity. The Nonpublic School Technology Initiative has been funded through the State budget since 1999. The amount of \$40 per pupil has remained the same since 1999. The total appropriation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative is approximately \$7 million.

Our nonpublic schools strive for technological excellence and this program is important for the educational development of nonpublic school students. The benefits to past and current students are immeasurable and should be a priority for our elected officials.

Again, I implore you to restore the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative and the 30-mile extended distance for nonpublic school transportation in the final version of the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. All the children in your districts deserve the same opportunity to grow with technology and excellence. Thank you in advance for your anticipated action.

Sincerely,

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