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FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF *PR*

RE: Uncertified Charter School Teachers

Please advise us as to where in No Child Left "Untested" there is an explicit exemption for charter schools to allow them to hire uncertified teachers.

In New York, up to thirty percent (30%) of the charter school's teachers may be uncertified; whereas we, the non-charter public schools, must hire certified teachers.

Certainly, every child should be taught by a certified teacher.

If Federal law allows this, it is indefensible and we should change it. I want to hear their argument against having children taught by certified teachers, how they justify the lowering of standards and the rationale for the double standard.

If this is not allowed, we should be suing New York and other states with similar laws.

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