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Dear Rules Committee Chair Rasmussen,

I have read the proposed amendment and as the representative from New York, I must request that this amendment not be approved. As you may know NYS was the final state to join the Compact. A critical matter was the Regents Diploma and I am pleased to say NYS amended their regulations to support the language in the Compact. On a separate note, NYS has clear requirements on what constitutes a “diploma with distinction”. Courses requirements that we waive for our military impacted youth would not be applicable to qualify. Additionally out of state courses would not qualify. All graduating students receive a Regents Diploma and all colleges recognize that the special status is not an option for students who have transferred into our system. NYS would not be able to meet the requirements of this change. If it was critical to the family we would work to have the sending state issue the diploma.

I am referencing the statement below.

"the type of diploma a transferring senior is to receive is of the equivalent stature to that which the student had worked towards in the sending LEA,"

Thank you for the opportunity to respond, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Debra Jackson, NYS Commissioner

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